



“Stand Tall”

Order of Worship
August 21, 2022
10:00 AM

Online Worship
YouTube Channel “Harmony UMCVA”

Welcome

Prelude

Onward, Christian Soldiers

Harmony Bell Choir

The prelude signals the beginning of our sacred time together. During the prelude, you are invited to prepare your heart for worship by focusing your attention upon God.

Call to Worship

Damon Moore

God comes into a world filled with uncertainties and darkness.

God seeks out the voids of belief and conviction.

God embraces the wounded and broken.

God knocks down the walls of division and strife.

God is the candle shining in the darkness of our days.

God is the light of our lives.

God is the one who makes all things new.

Praise be to God, now and forevermore.

***Opening Prayer**

Damon Moore

From fears that paralyze us;

Heal us, O Lord.

From illness that strangles us;

Heal us, O Lord.

From sorrows that weigh us down;

Heal us, O Lord.

From aimlessness that plagues our visions;

Heal us, O Lord. Amen.

The Peace of Christ

Peace be with you!
And also with you!
Let us pass the peace of Christ with those around us.

Hymn

O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come

Blessing of the Backpacks

Ministry of Music

God Is So Good

Harmony Bell Choir

Prayer for Understanding

All Praying

Damon Moore

Almighty God, enlighten our minds and kindle our hearts with the presence of your Spirit, that we may hear your words of comfort and challenge in the reading of the scriptures, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Luke 13:10-17

Damon Moore

Jesus Heals a Bent-Over Woman

10 Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. 11 And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. 12 When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." 13 When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God.

14 But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day." 15 But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? 16 And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" 17 When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

Sermon

"Stand Tall"

Pastor Debra

Moments of Reflection

Healer of Our Every Ill

Prayer of the People

Pastor Maggie

Without saying a word, Pastor Maggie moves to the pulpit to offer the Prayers of the People. Damon Moore, after Pastor Maggie finishes the prayer, please move to the lectern for the Offertory and Doxology.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Offertory and Doxology

Damon Moore

Offertory Music

Meditation

Damon Moore, please take the offering plates off the communion table and hand them to the ushers. Remain standing there as the offering is collected. Once the ushers are standing in front of you again, take the offering plates from the ushers and turn toward the cross while lifting up the offering plates as a symbol of presenting them to God.

Doxology is Sung

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of Dedication for the Offering

Pastor Maggie

We thank you, Loving God, that despair gives way to hope when we answer Your call to be generous. Multiply these gifts and Your spirit in us, that the world may know your life-giving will and way. In Jesus' name we offer this prayer. Amen.

Closing Hymn

My Hope Is Built

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Affirmation of Faith

Pastor Debra

We believe in God, who is love and who has given the earth to all people.

**We believe in Jesus Christ, who came to heal us,
and to free us from all kinds of oppression.**

**We believe in the Spirit of God, who works in and through all
who are turned towards the truth.**

**We believe in the community of faith, which is called to be at the service
of all people.**

**We believe in God's promise to finally destroy the power of sin in us all,
and to establish the kingdom of justice and peace for all people. Amen.**

Benediction

Pastor Debra

Choral Benediction

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

Then let us go to serve in peace,

The gospel to proclaim.

God's Spirit has empowered us;

We go in Jesus' name.

Postlude

O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing

O CHRIST, THE HEALER

*O Christ, the healer, we have come
to pray for health, to plead for friends.*

*How can we fail to be restored
when reached by love that never ends?*

*2 From every ailment flesh endures
our bodies clamor to be freed;
yet in our hearts we would confess
that wholeness is our deepest need.*

*4 In conflicts that destroy our health
we recognize the world's disease;
our common life declares our ills.
Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?*

*5 Grant that we all, made one in faith,
in your community may find
the wholeness that, enriching us,
shall reach the whole of humankind.*

MY HOPE IS BUILT

*My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.*

Refrain:

On Christ the solid rock I stand,

***all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.***

*2. When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil.
(Refrain)*

*3. His oath, his covenant, his blood
supports me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay.
(Refrain)*

*4. When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found!
Dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne!
(Refrain)*