



**Order of Worship
June 23, 2024**

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Welcome

Mission Moment

Backpack Buddies

Roxanne Tipton/Becky Byrne

Prelude

Saved by Grace

Landon

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

Quinn Hetherington

Put your trust in God, who knows our names.

**The Holy One does not forsake
those who seek God.**

Be gracious to us, Holy One.

**For you are the One who lifts us
from the storm.**

We praise you in every time in space.

We rejoice that your hand guides us.

Opening Prayer

Quinn Hetherington

Holy Breath of Life, we enter this space
searching for sacred peace.

May the winds of this hour be quiet and calming.

May the waters of this day be as peaceful as a pond.

May our hearts find the tranquility we desire.
May we fill the air with sweet songs of joy. Amen.

Hymn *Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine* UMH 369
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Passing the Peace of Christ Quinn Hetherington

Children’s Message Pastor Larry

Ministry of Music *Can He, Could He, Would He, Did He?* Susan Whitman

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Understanding *All Praying* Quinn Hetherington
**Gracious God, great Teacher, Bearer of peace,
we seek your wisdom.
Open our hearts and minds to your word
and to possibilities yet unseen. Amen.**

Acts 8:26-40

²⁶ Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” ²⁷ So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian^[a] eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means “queen of the Ethiopians”). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, ²⁸ and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. ²⁹ The Spirit told Philip, “Go to that chariot and stay near it.”

³⁰ Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. “Do you understand what you are reading?” Philip asked.

³¹ “How can I,” he said, “unless someone explains it to me?” So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

³² This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading:

“He was led like a sheep to the slaughter,
and as a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

³³ In his humiliation he was deprived of justice.

Who can speak of his descendants?

For his life was taken from the earth.”^[b]

³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

³⁶As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?" ³⁷□ ³⁸And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

***Hymn**

My Life is in You

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Sermon

"The Good News"

Pastor Larry

Affirmation of Faith from I Timothy 2:5-6; 1:15; 3:16 (The United Methodist Hymnal, #889)

There is one God and there is one mediator, Christ Jesus, who came as a ransom for all, to whom we testify.

This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners, and was manifested in the flesh, vindicated in the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory. Great indeed is the mystery of the gospel. Amen.

***Gloria Patri UMH 70**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen. Amen.

Morning Prayer

Pastor Larry

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 Invitation

Quinn Hetherington

God’s boundless generosity transcends the limits of this world and nudges us to fill our land with blessing. Through our energy, time, talents, and treasures, we usher God’s peace into a world filled with storms and obstacles.

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Open Our Eyes* Cull

**Doxology* *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*

Quinn Hetherington

**We are always rejoicing, Holy One,
for your many gifts in our lives.**

**Even when we have nothing,
you make us feel as if we have everything.**

**May these gifts usher peace into our world,
that all may know of your love**

and touch your grace. Amen.

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

***Hymn**

Trust and Obey

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***Benediction**

Pastor Larry

***Choral Benediction**

Spirit of the Living God

UMH 393

Spirit of the living God,

Fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God,

Fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God,

Fall afresh on me.

***Postlude**

Raise a Song of Glory

Smith

BLESSED ASSURANCE, JESUS IS MINE

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.*

Refrain:

***This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.***

*2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.*

(Refrain)

*3. Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.*

(Refrain)

MY LIFE IS IN YOU

*My life is in you, Lord;
My strength is in you Lord;
My hope is in you, Lord;
In you, it's in you.
My life is in you, Lord;
My strength is in you, Lord;
my hope is in you, Lord;
In you, it's in you.*

*I will praise you with all of my life,
I will praise you with all of my strength.
With all of my life, with all of my strength.
All of my hope is in you.*

TRUST AND OBEY

*When we walk with the Lord
in the light of his word,
what a glory he sheds on our way!
While we do his good will,
he abides with us still,
and with all who will trust and obey.*

Refrain:

***Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.***

*2 Not a burden we bear,
not a sorrow we share,
but our toil he doth richly repay;
not a grief or a loss,
not a frown or a cross,
but is blest if we trust and obey. [Refrain]*

*3 But we never can prove
the delights of his love
until all on the altar we lay;
for the favor he shows,
for the joy he bestows,
are for them who will trust and obey. [Refrain]*

*4 Then in fellowship sweet
we will sit at his feet,
or we'll walk by his side in the way;
what he says we will do,
where he sends we will go;
never fear, only trust and obey. [Refrain]*