



+ *Those who are able are invited to stand.*

UMH - United Methodist Hymnal FWS – Faith We Sing
You are invited to respond with the **Bold** responses.

MOMENTS OF CENTERING BEFORE WORSHIP

Lord of Creation, create in us a new rhythm of life composed of hours that sustain rather than stress, of days that deliver rather than destroy, of time that tickles rather than tackles. Lord of Liberation, by the rhythm of your truth, set us free from the bondage and baggage that break us, from the Pharaohs and fellows who fail us, from the plans and pursuits that prey upon us. Lord of Resurrection, may we be raised into the rhythm of your new life, dead to deceitful calendars, dead to fleeting friend requests, dead to the empty peace of our accomplishments.

To our packed-full planners, we bid, “Peace!” To our over-caffeinated consciences, we say, “Cease!” To our suffocating selves, Lord, grant release.

Drowning in a sea of deadlines and death chimes, we rest in you, our Lifeline. By your ever-restful grace, allow us to enter your Sabbath rest as your Sabbath rest enters into us. In the name of our Creator, our Liberator, our Resurrection and Life, we pray. Amen.

-Common Prayer, A Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC *Renee Warner*

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HOSPITALITY

PRELUDE *Dan Martin*

SERVICE OF LIGHT *The Acolytes*
Jesus said, “I am the Light of the world.”

+CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *UMH 73*
O Worship the King, v. 1, 5

1. **O worship the King, all glorious above,
O gratefully sing God's power and God's love.
our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.**
5. **Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.**

+CALL TO WORSHIP *Responsively*
As the rains pour from heaven, soaking the earth that it may produce good things....

**So God pours God’s love upon us, that we, too,
may produce goodness and peace.**

We have been blessed with many gifts and talents.

**God desires that we use these gifts and talents for
healing, peace, and hope.**

Come, let us worship and celebrate the mighty love and power of God.

**Praise be to God who has blessed us in so many
ways.**

+INVOCATION *Renee Warner*

Our souls bless you, O God—for your imagination that created us, your wisdom that guides us, your example that inspires us. Help us to follow your way, to mold our lives after yours and reflect your image to all we meet. **Amen.**

+HYMN OF CELEBRATION *UMH 529*
How Firm a Foundation

THE CHURCH PRAYS TOGETHER

THE PSALTER *Psalm 90:12-17*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *Responsively*
Son of Man, following you can be hard. We expect prosperity but find poverty. We expect a conqueror but find a sacrifice. We expect glory but find humility. **Help us to set aside our expectations. Help us to do the work. Help us to be servants instead of rulers.**

Help us to serve: *(a brief pause after each petition)*

Those who are sick and need care...

Those who have no home and need shelter...

Those who are lonely and need companionship...

Those who are underpaid and need support...

Those who are scared and need reassurance...

We hardly know what we are asking, but we look to you with trust and hope for the possibilities of what this world can be.

Help us be able to follow you.

PERSONAL PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

We worship a God who is cosmic: stretching out the heavens, setting the stars. We worship a God who is near us: who lived with us, knowing our suffering.

How can we honor the God who created all things in our practice the week?

How can we honor the God of humanity and relationship in our practice this week?

THE LORD’S PRAYER *Unison*

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.

RESPONSE

UMH 393

Spirit of the Living God

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.

THE CHURCH SHARES ITS BLESSINGS

OFFERTORY INVITATION

We do not come to this sacred space to re-create the hierarchies of the world. We do not come to hoard what we have and lord it over all who have less.

We come to offer and give thanks. We come to acknowledge the blessings we have been given and to let them go so that they may be blessings to others.

In this spirit let us offer our gifts to God.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Unison

God of glory, we thank you for this season of abundance. We praise you for the gifts of this earth and of our lives. As we return a portion of these gifts, we also dedicate our lives to your service. Bless our gifts and our service, that we may glorify you and reflect your love in all that we say and in all that we do. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Dan Martin

+DOXOLOGY

UMH 94

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!

THE CHURCH LISTENS FOR THE WORD

THE WORD

CHORAL CALL TO WIGGLETIME UMH 141

Children of the Heavenly Father, vv. 1, 2

1. **Children of the heavenly Father safely in his bosom gather; nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.**
2. **God his own doth tend and nourish; in his holy courts they flourish; from all evil things he spares them; in his mighty arms he bears them.**

WIGGLETIME *...then to Children's Church*

WORD IN MUSIC

Chancel Choir

Director: Eva Atha

SERMON

Rev. Steve

THE CHURCH SCATTERS TO SHARE GOOD NEWS

+HYMN OF DEDICATION

UMH 88

Maker, in Whom We Live

+SERVICE OF LIGHT

The Acolytes

Jesus said, "You are the Light of the world."

+BENEDICTION

You have been called to serve the Lord with gladness. Go from this place knowing that God's blessings have been poured on you so that you may be a blessing to others. Be at peace and bring the good news of God's love and peace to all whom you meet. **Amen.**

+POSTLUDE

Dan Martin

...and the worship continues.

