



+ Those who are able are invited to stand.  
 UMH - United Methodist Hymnal FWS – The Faith We Sing  
 You are invited to respond with the Bold responses.

### MOMENTS OF CENTERING

I am *Christ in you, the hope of Glory*. The One who walks beside you, holding you by your hand, the same One who lives within you. This is a deep, unfathomable mystery. You and I are intertwined in an intimacy involving every fiber of your being.

The Light of My Presence shines within you, as well as upon you. I am in you, and you are in Me; nothing in heaven or on earth can separate you from Me!

As you sit quietly in My Presence, your awareness of My Life within you is heightened. This produces the *Joy of the Lord, which is your strength. I the God of hope, fill you with all Joy and Peace as you trust in Me, so that you may bubble over with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.* –from *Jesus Calling*, p. 332.

### THE CHURCH GATHERS IN WORSHIP

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 99*  
*My Tribute*

**To God be the glory, to God be the glory, to God be the glory for the things he has done. With his blood he has saved me; with his power he has raised me; to God be the glory for the things he has done.**

+CALL TO WORSHIP *Responsively*  
 Come people of God; come and celebrate God's gift of salvation.

**We come without fear.  
 We come trusting in God.**

Come people of God; hear God's promises and witness God's mighty deeds.

**In hearing the promises,  
 in witnessing the mighty deeds of God,  
 we are strengthened for all that lies ahead.**

Come, let us worship and praise God by shouting aloud and singing for joy, for God truly is in our midst.

+INVOCATION *Leader*

Our loving and caring God, we need this time together to be united with our sisters and brothers in the faith; we need this time of worship to be comforted and strengthened in your presence. We hear of wars and rumors of wars. We read of persecution and oppression. Remind us again of your vision, that all might live in a world of peace and justice and love. May this time together imprint this vision and promise on our hearts, that we may live into this beloved community.

**Amen.**

+ HYMN OF CELEBRATION *UMH 57*  
*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*  
*vv. 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5*

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### THE CHURCH IN MOMENTS OF CONFESSION

THE PSALTER *Psalms 98*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *Responsively*  
 Merciful God, we come before you this day as those who are often afraid to confess all the many ways in which we have disappointed and betrayed You. You have given us continual opportunities to serve and love others, but we have withdrawn into lives of selfishness and greed. We have turned our backs on others in need. We have denied the gifts you have given us. Where can we turn now that we have run from you? Your voice calls to us to come home, to come to you unafraid, to receive forgiveness and healing.

**Open our hearts this day to receive these magnificent blessings. Help us understand the many ways in which you love us and help us share that love with all those whom we meet. For we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ.**

PERSONAL PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Even though we have turned away from God, yet God is faithful to us. We are beloved of God and recipients of God's love and blessings. Rejoice, children of God! For God's mercies are ever before us.

**Amen.**

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### THE CHURCH RESPONDS WITH GIFTS

OFFERTORY INVITATION & PRAYER

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!**

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## THE CHURCH LISTENS FOR THE WORD

### THE WORD

CHORAL CALL TO WIGGLETIME *UMH 170*  
*O How I Love Jesus, v. 1*

**There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth; is sounds like music in my ear, the sweetest name on earth. O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, because he first loved me.**

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

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER *UMH 473*  
*Lead Me, Lord*

**Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness; make thy way plain before my face. For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only, that makest me dwell in safety.**

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of new beginnings, You have promised us a season in which weeping will no longer be heard, nor cries of distress. Yet we live in a season filled with weeping and distress. This day we come before you offering prayers for those who weep with grief: for those who mourn the death of loved ones; the loss of employment; the pain of transition.

This day we come before you offering prayers for those who cry out in distress: for the rumblings of hungry bellies; the lament of the addict; the pleas of the homeless.

This day we come before you offering prayers for those who labor in vain: for those enslaved in fields, factories, and mines; for those whose work cripples their bodies and their spirits; for those who toil without recognition, wage, or honor.

You have promised us a season of blessing.

You have promised us a season of peace.

We pray for the coming of that holy time throughout your beloved creation, for the sake of your beloved Son, and our Savior, Jesus Christ.

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.**

ANTHEM *Chancel Choir*

SERMON *Rev. Steve*

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## THE CHURCH SCATTERS TO SHARE GOOD NEWS

+HYMN OF DEDICATION *UMH 139*  
*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, vv. 1, 3, & 5*

+BENEDICTION *Pastor*

May the Spirit that leads through fire and flood, the Spirit that baptizes with power, the Spirit of expectation and hope lead, strengthen, and guide you This week and always. **Amen.**

+POSTLUDE *Dan Martin*

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*...and the worship continues.*

