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March 5, 2023 ~ 8:30AM and 11:00AM

PRELUDE

"You are the way..."

Fedak

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Please sign the registration pad and pass it to your neighbor in the pew.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, all who need help!

**Our help comes from God,
who made heaven and earth.**

Come, all who desire blessing!

**Our blessing comes from God,
the God of Abraham, the God of the ages.**

Come, all who long for salvation!

**Our salvation comes from Jesus Christ,
the one sent by God to save the world.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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**When Jesus proclaims that we can have a new life,
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How can we get rid of the old burdens and difficulties and start over again?

Wouldn't it be just like climbing back into the womb to make a fresh start?

How we have misunderstood what Jesus has said. New life is possible.

We can place our trust in God's healing care. Forgive us, and help us, gracious Lord.

For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

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**And open our doors, that we may become vessels of your blessing
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All this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

✠PASSING OF THE PEACE

✠HYMN OF PRAISE #117

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

BAPTISM (8:30)

Cian Sumner Runels
Son of Erin Hudnall and Charles Runels III

✠THE APOSTLES' CREED

✠GLORIA PATRI

OFFERING

Who Is That Man?

(Bessig)

✠DOXOLOGY

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts,
that we may receive what you have revealed, and do what you have commanded. **Amen.**

PSALTER #844

Psalms 121

HYMN OF PREPARATION #301

Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross

GOSPEL LESSON

John 3:1-17

SERMON

"The Cure of Curiosity"

Dr. Darren M. McClellan

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION UMH#13

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING THE BREAD / GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

CLOSING HYMN #130

God Will Take Care of You

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

"Come into the daylight's splendor..."

Fedak

✠ Stand as able

Assisting in Worship Today: Senior Pastor, Dr. Darren M. McClellan
Liturgist, Emily Garner - Acolyte: (8:30) Darby Butler
Communion Servers: (8:30) Robin and James Buchholz, Helen and Bennie Ingram
(11:00) Cheri and Jerry Forte, Nancy and Bob Walsh
Music: Tom Hood, John Richardson, Chancel Choir
Media and Sound: Alex Beaman, Colin Richardson, Wright Tapscott

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OPENING SONG

Alive and Breathing

Shea White, Praise Team

WELCOME~CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY

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Psalms 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is your keeper;

the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

The sun shall not strike you by day

nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in

from this time on and forevermore.

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Brooks Wilkinson Pierce
Son of Carol and Matt Pierce

SINGING OUR PRAISES

*I Will Follow
Good Lord
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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 12:1-4a

GOSPEL LESSON

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GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

As you come before God to receive this Holy Meal,
You are invited to bring all of who you are as an offering
to the one who has given all of who he is for us.
****Baskets are available to present your offering
as you come forward to receive the bread and cup.*

INVITATION TO PRAYER AND CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

SENDING FORTH

CLOSING SONG

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Acolytes: Emma Claire Furlong, Edmond Furlong
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