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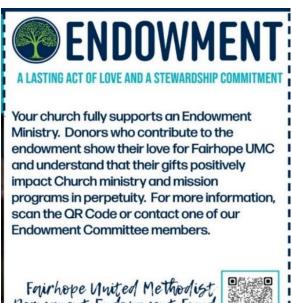
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**¥** Stand as able

**PRELUDE** 

Theme and Variations on Lasst Uns Erfreuen

(arr. Ameigh)

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

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**★HYMN OF PRAISE #103** 

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

**★**THE APOSTLES' CREED

**GLORIA PATRI** 

OFFERING

Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit

(Shackley)

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Take My Life, and Let It Be

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ~ THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING THE BREAD / GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

CLOSING HYMN #462

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS (11:00) ~ Jeannie and Chuck Cornwall

Congregational Response:

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SENDING FORTH

**POSTLUDE** 

Let All Things Their Creator Bless

(arr. Fedak)

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of School Teachers and Sunday School Teachers by Mary and Van Finger.

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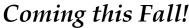
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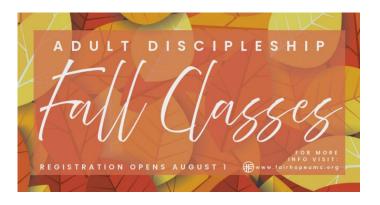
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\*\*\*Baskets are available to present your offering as you come forward to receive the bread and cup.

INVITATION TO PRAYER AND CHURCH MEMBERSHIP ~ Cindy and Bill Mull SENDING FORTH

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