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✠ Stand as able

PRELUDE *Theme and Variations on Lasst Uns Erfreuen* (arr. Ameigh)

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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)

✠DOXOLOGY

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HYMN OF PREPARATION #399 *Take My Life, and Let It Be*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Just as we see your wisdom and glory in nature around us, God, may we hear your Word for us in our reading today, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may be drawn closer to you.

Through Jesus Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

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✠PASSING OF THE PEACE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING UMH #13

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:

We give thanks for all that God has already given you, and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ, and in this congregations of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

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.*

Assisting in Worship Today: Rev. Michael Precht **Liturgist:** Dr. Ann Pearson
Communion Servers: 8:30 Emily Garner, Phyllis and Craig Helms, Vicki Studstill
11:00 Shirley and Donnie Ryals, Robyn and Kurt Simons
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Media and Sound: 8:30 Hackett Robertson 11:00 Colin Richardson
Ushers: 8:30 Mark Woodrow 11:00 Wayne Sasser, Mark Woodrow

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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 ~ Cindy and Bill Mull

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