

Welcome and Announcements
Birthdays and Anniversaries

***Invitation**

Use the talents you possess; for silent would the forest be, if the only birds that sang were those who sang the best. *(paraphrase of quotation attributed to Henry Van Dyke)*

***Call to Worship**

God calls us to use our gifts
for the building of God's kingdom.

But we're afraid.

Christ urges us to find our courage
and not look back.

But our gifts seem so small.

The Spirit offers us everything we need.

But what if we fail?

Trust the gifts you have been given.

We will celebrate our gifts

as we worship God this day.

Old Testament Reading

Judges 4:1-7

***Opening Hymn**

421 – Make Me a Captive, Lord (v 1, 3, 4)

***Opening Prayer**

**God of fall and winter, God of spring and summer,
you know the seasons of our lives.**

**Let the season of darkness and doubt pass away,
that we may be reborn in your light.**

Lead us into a season of light and warmth:

a season of joy;

a season of sober judgment;

a season where your children clothe themselves

in the breastplate of faith and hope,

and the helmet of hope and salvation.

Help us put aside the ways of darkness

and live as children of light. Amen.

***Affirmation of Faith #881**

***Gloria Patri #70**

Epistle Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Children's Time

Scripture

Matthew 25:14-30

Message

***Hymn of Response**

407 – Close to Thee

Pastoral Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

Giver of gifts, you bestow us with talents
that are far more precious than jewels.

Open our eyes to the possibilities
you hold for our world.

Transform the gifts we offer this day
into light and love for the world.

Transform our talents into blessings
for a world in need. Amen.

***Doxology #95**

****Closing Hymn**

575 – Onward, Christian Soldiers (v 1, 3, 5)

***Benediction**

**Congregation standing, as you are able.*

*** If you'd like to join this fellowship of the United Methodist Church please come forward during the Closing Hymn
- Benevolence Gifts can be left on alter rail.*

Lord's Prayer

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.

UMH #881

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord:

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried;

the third day he arose from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen

November 22, 2020 Lectionary Texts

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1:15-23

Matthew 25:31-46