

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Celebration of Worship – *Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost - August 16, 2020*

PRELUDE.....*To a Wild Rose*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ

Edward MacDowell

transcribed by Robert Ehrhardt

O Worship the King

arr. Nancy Hill Cobb

WORDS OF WELCOME & GREETING.....Dr. David Hobson

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION.....Dr. David Hobson

† HYMN OF PRAISE.....“Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven”.....No. 66

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 881.....Debby Williams

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*The Lord is My Light*.....Dick Hemmings, bass

Frances Allitsen

† SCRIPTURE READING.....Ephesians 2:1-10.....Debby Williams

See scripture reading on Text Page

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† GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,

as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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JOYS & CONCERNS.....Dr. Pat Day

MORNING PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER.....Dr. Ashley Goad

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.

PRAYER RESPONSE.....Grace Greater than Our Sin.....Wesleyans
MOODY

† OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Dr. Ashley Goad

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*What Wondrous Love is This?*.....Wesleyans
arr. David Westbrook Madelyn Stewart, soprano
Robert Cruz, piano

† DoxologyNo. 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!*

SCRIPTURE READING.....II Timothy 1:8-10.....Dr. Pat Day
See scripture reading on Text Page

MESSAGE.....HIS GRACE STILL AMAZES ME.....Dr. Pat Day

I. First, the **description** of grace.

II. Second, the **dilemma** of grace.

III. Third, the the **direction** of grace.

IV. Fourth, the **dispensers** of grace.

V. Finally, the **decision** of grace.

† *HYMN OF INVITATION.....“Amazing Grace”.....No. 378
(During the singing of this hymn, those who wish to join the First Methodist family are invited to come to the front of the church for reception and recognition.)

BENEDICTIONDr. Pat Day

SENDING FORTH.....*Amen*.....Wesleyans
Peter Lutkin

POSTLUDE.....*Toccata in Seven*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
John Rutter

Hymn of Praise No. 66
“Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven”

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to the throne thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore God’s praises sing.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

Praise the Lord for grace and favor to all people in distress;
Praise God, still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious now God’s faithfulness.

Father-like, God tends and spares us; well our feeble frame God knows;

Mother-like, God gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet God’s mercy flows.

Angels in the heights, adoring, you behold God face to face;

Saints triumphant, now adoring, gathered in from every race.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Hymn of Invitation No. 378
“Amazing Grace”
Stanzas 1-3, 6

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

Affirmation of Faith

No. 881

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 rose 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.

Ephesians 2:1-10

Made Alive in Christ

"As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh[a] and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

II Timothy 1:8-10

"So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God. He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel."