

Celebration of Young Disciples
Children ages Birth through 2nd grade may join Mrs. Tori and Mrs. Todameka in the back of the sanctuary for Children’s Church.

Bringing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music *Tethered* PHIL WICKHAM
 Presley Dishman, Soloist

✠ Doxology *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;* OLD 100TH
UMH 94 *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!

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

Epistle Reading 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 NSRV
¹²All things are permitted for me, but not all things are beneficial. All things are permitted for me, but I will not be dominated by anything. ¹³Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food, and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for sexual immorality but for the Lord and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. ¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I, therefore, take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, “The two shall be one flesh.” ¹⁷But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸Shun sexual immorality! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against the body itself. ¹⁹Or, do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God and that you are not your own? ²⁰For you were bought with a price; therefore, glorify God in your body.

Response to the Word
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

✠ Hymn of Preparation *Into My Heart*
TFWS 2160 (*vv. 1, 2*)

✠ Gospel Lesson John 1:1-5;10-18 NRSV
¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet, the world did not know him. ¹¹He

came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John testified to him and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’”) ¹⁶From his fullness, we have all received grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son, himself God, who is close to the Father’s heart, who has made him known.

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Sermon *On Presence*

✠ Affirmation of Faith Apostles’ Creed
Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now reverently and sincerely declare:

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.

✠ Gloria Patri *Glory Be to the Father* MEINEKE
UMH 70
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. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

The 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.

Partnership Spotlight Video: Reelfoot Rural Ministries

✠ Invitation to Christian Discipleship

SENDING FORTH

✠ Sending Hymn *This Is My Father’s World* TERRA BEATA
UMH 144 (*vv. 1, 2, 3*)

✠ Carrying the Light of Christ into the World

✠ Announcements

✠ Benediction

✠ Postlude

Charge Conference -Today at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary

First of all, what is a *charge*?

A charge refers to the appointment of a pastor to a church or ministry setting. The term has historical roots in the early Methodist movement, when local societies met in homes or shared spaces rather than dedicated church buildings. John Wesley appointed preachers to take “charge” of these societies - a term that endures today. A charge now refers to any church or entity to which a United Methodist pastor is appointed.

What is a *charge conference*?

A charge conference is an annual meeting of the leadership of a pastoral charge, held to make key decisions on behalf of the congregation. The meeting is presided over by the district superintendent. Voting members of the charge conference include all clergy appointed to the charge and members of the church council. Retired clergy and retired diaconal ministers who hold membership in any of the congregations are also members of the conference.

Why are *charge conferences* important?

Charge conferences provide a vital connection between local churches and their district superintendent. They reflect the connectional nature of The United Methodist Church, where decisions are made cooperatively by clergy, laity, congregations and connectional leadership. These conferences help ensure alignment in mission, accountability in leadership and continuity in ministry across the denomination.