

Order of Worship

8:00 & 11:00am Traditional Worship
January 16th, 2022

Prelude

Susan Fraser

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

Leader: With what shall we come before the Lord?

People: Should we come before him with offerings and sacrifices? Will the Lord be pleased with our outward acts of religious devotion?

Leader: He has told us, fellow mortals, what is good and what the Lord requires of us:

People: To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.

--Adapted from Micah 6:6-8

***Opening Hymn**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

384 UMH

***Collect**

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 3:22-24

New Testament Lesson

Revelation 2:1-7

Anthem (11:00)

Adult Choir

***Gospel Lesson**

John 13:31-35

Sermon

The Church in Ephesus: Too Much of a Good Thing

Rev. Dr. Bob Kaylor

Pastoral Prayer and a Time of Silence

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Nicene Creed

880 UMH

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

Presenting our Tithes and Offerings

Offering Prayer

Offertory Music

***Doxology**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Susan Fraser

95 UMH

****Great Thanksgiving and Holy Communion**

15 UMH

***Closing Hymn**

Help Us Accept Each Other

560 UMH

Sending Forth

Rev. Dr. Bob Kaylor

Postlude

Susan Fraser

*Please stand if you are able

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UMH- United Methodist Hymnal located under chairs

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**9:30am Contemporary Worship
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***Song Set**

New Testament Lesson

Revelation 2:1-7

Sermon

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Invitation to the Table and Prayer of Confession

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Offering

****Communion**

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Prayers of the People

***Closing Song**

Dismissal

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Sermon Notes & Discussion Guide

Ephesus: Too Much of a Good Thing

Introducing the Church at Ephesus

The Sermon:

The Christ Title (2:1)

The Commendation (2:2-3, 6)

The Complaint (2:4)

The Correction (2:5a)

The Consequences (2:5b, 7b)

Questions for Discussion/Reflection:

1. What insights did you gain from this week's message?
2. How would you summarize Jesus' message to the church in Ephesus?
3. Where do you see our church TLUMC in this message? What specific word might Jesus have for us in terms of the balance between orthodoxy and love?
4. What "dreams" of the church have you had? How does this message challenge or support those dreams?