

Order of Worship

8:00 & 11:00am Traditional Worship
May 8th, 2022

Prelude

Susan Fraser

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

Leader: God is in our midst, forming us to be God's own people.

People: Though the way may be difficult, God will be with us.

Leader: We need not fear.

People: In the Lord we will take our refuge, for God is our strength.

Leader: Come to the Lord who will surround you with God's own righteousness.

People: Lord, open our hearts and our spirits so that we may faithfully follow you. AMEN.

***Opening Hymn**

Make Me a Captive, Lord

421 UMH

***Collect**

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 40:28-31

New Testament Lesson

1 Peter 2:11-25

Anthem (11:00)

Adult Choir

***Gospel Lesson**

Matthew 24:9-14

Sermon

Overcoming Obstacles

Rev. Dr. Bob Kaylor

Pastoral Prayer and a Time of Silence

*Affirmation of Faith	The Nicene Creed	880 UMH
*Response	A Charge to Keep I Have (v. 1)	413 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 you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you 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** O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee 430 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

1 Peter 2:11-25

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***Affirmation of Faith**

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Invitation to the Table and Prayer of Confession

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Confirmation and Reception of New Members

Offering

****Communion**

15 UMH

Prayers of the People

***Closing Song**

Dismissal

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Sermon Notes & Discussion Guide

A Living Hope: Overcoming Obstacles 1 Peter 2:11-25

Introduction: The Ultimate Obstacle Courses

Three reasons the Roman world persecuted Christians

The Christian response

The Example of Jesus

Questions for Reflection/Discussion:

1. What insights did you gain from this week's message? What questions did it raise?
2. What are some of the reasons for which western culture might persecute Christians today?
3. How does Jesus' response to unjust suffering strike you? What are some of examples of that kind of response in our own time?
4. What does it mean for you to have a "ready defense" for the hope that is in you?
5. What are some things you will think, do, or believe differently as a result of this week's message?