Order of Worship

9:00am Contemporary Worship July 23rd, 2023

Song Set

Vacation Bible School Celebration

Welcome

Dismissal of Children to Children's Church

New Testament Reading

Acts 3:1-10

Sermon

Finding the Way Without a Map -- The Early Church in Acts:

"Sharing the Blessing"

Rev. Jim Ward

*Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

880 UMH

Prayers of the People

Lifting Up Our Joys and Concerns Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation to the Table and Prayer of Confession

All: Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, You shattered the power of sin and death. Yet we confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, blindly following the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and hungry, and pass by those who mourn. We are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace. We despise the weak, yet celebrate the arrogant. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we might know the joy of abundant life given in Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen.

Pastor: The God of grace hears your prayers and showers you with mercy and blessing. Through the work of Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Passing the Peace

Reflections on Giving

Offering

**Great Thanksgiving and Holy Communion

15 UMH

*Closing Song

Dismissal

Order of Worship

10:30am Traditional Worship July 23rd, 2023

Prelude Susan Fraser

Welcome

*Call to Worship

Leader: How good it is to sing praises to our God!

People: God heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds.

Leader: God numbers all the stars in the sky -

People: And calls them each by name.

Leader: How great is our God!

People: His power is beyond our understanding, His glory beyond compre-

hension.

Leader: So, come – sing out your thanksgiving to God;

ALL: Come – offer to God the worship that belongs to Him alone. Amen.

*Opening Hymn

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name (Vs. 1-4)

79 UMH

*Collect

We give You thanks and praise, O God, for You have made us your own through Jesus Christ, and given us new life grounded in faith. You created the universe; the heavens declare your glory, day and night show forth your wondrous ways. You bring your children out of bondage, and guide them into truth so that they might be rich in your Spirit and clear in their vision. Lift our hearts high as we offer You our worship this day, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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*Response

Honor and Praise (Vs. 1)

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Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

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Passing the Peace

Presenting our Tithes and Offerings

Reflections on Giving Offering Prayer

Offertory Music

Susan Fraser

*Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

95 UMH

**Great Thanksgiving and Holy Communion

15 UMH

*Closing Hymn

Lift High the Cross

159 UMH

Sending Forth

Rev. Jim Ward

Postlude

Susan Fraser

Sermon Notes

Daily Lectionary Readings

Monday, July 24, 2023:

Psalm 139:13-18; Genesis 32:3-21; Revelation 14:12-20 **Tuesday, July 25, 2023:**

Psalm 139:13-18; Genesis 33:1-17; Galatians 4:21-5:1 Wednesday, July 26, 2023:

Psalm 139:13-18; Genesis 35:16-29; Matthew 12:15-21 **Thursday, July 27, 2023:**

Psalm 105:1-11, 45b; Genesis 29:1-8; 1 Corinthians 4:14-20 Friday, July 28, 2023:

Psalm 105:1-11, 45b; Genesis 29:9-14; Acts 7:44-53

Saturday, July 29, 2023:Psalm 105:1-11, 45b; Genesis 29:31-30:24; Matthew 12:38-42

Readings for Next Sunday July 30, 2023

Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 105:1-11, 45b Romans 8:26-39 Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52