

Welcome to this worship service. Please note that bold type indicates congregational participation. An asterisk (*) indicates that you are invited to stand as you are able. UMH stands for The United Methodist Hymnal. FWS stands for The Faith We Sing.

GATHERING

Gathering Songs [8:10]
Welcome, Announcements and Celebrations and Concerns

PASSING OF THE PEACE*

Prelude
Choral Introit [10:50]

CALL TO WORSHIP* Psalm 107.1-3

O give thanks to the LORD,
for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.
Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
**those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from
the lands,**
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.

Opening Prayer*

HYMN* *Gather Us In* FWS 2236

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture Reading Exodus 19.1-9

SONG *Where Children Belong* FWS 2233
(The children are invited to come forward during this song.)

A Time with Young Disciples

Choral Anthem [10:50]

Scripture Reading Acts 20.17-28

HYMN* *The Church's One Foundation* UMH 545

Scripture Reading Matthew 16.13-20

Sermon “Whose Church is it Anyway?” Rev. J. Collins
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH UMH 882

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *O Lord, Hear My Prayer* FWS 2200
(A time of silent and listening prayer.)

Pastoral Prayer

Special Music *You and Me, Jesus* Myron Kelso

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy and patience, be with us this day. Help us not forget that the gifts we give go to help many in need. Remind us that our lives are meant to be gifts to others. Forgive us the countless times when we have neglected the opportunity to help others. Enliven us with your Holy Spirit and enlighten us with your words of healing love. Remind us that caring and sharing are hallmarks of our life together in you. Heal and forgive us. In Jesus' name, we offer this prayer. Amen.

(A time of silent prayers of confession.)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Let God's love and mercy wash over you as the spring rains wash over the earth, bringing promise of new life and hope. Be at peace.

Amen.

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings

(If you are a guest this morning, please feel no obligation to contribute. This is simply one of the ways we worship God.)

RESPONSE*

UMH 95

THANKSGIVING

Prayer of Thanksgiving*
THE LORD'S PRAYER*

UMH 895

SENDING FORTH

HYMN* *We've a Story to Tell to the Nations*

UMH 569

Dismissal with Blessing
Postlude

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH STAFF

Linda Beever, Secretary
Bob Whitson, Custodian
Carla Herring, Pianist
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