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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(A time of silent and listening prayer.)
Prayer for all Mothers

Video for Mothers

PASSING OF THE PEACE*

Prelude
Choral Introit [10:50] "Be Strong in the Lord"

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Come, let us worship the God whose love is like that of a
mother for her child.

Whose arms are ever reaching out.
Whose eyes are always alert.
and whose hands are ever compassionate.

Opening Prayer*

HYMN* *Come, Holy Ghost, Our Hearts Inspire* UMH 603

Scripture Reading 1 John 4.7-21

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] "One Step"

Scripture Reading John 15.1-8

HYMN* *Thy Word is a Lamp* UMH 601

Scripture Reading Acts 8.26-40

Sermon "Peculiar Treasures: Ethiopian Eunuch"
Rev. John Collins

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH UMH 882

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Ever present God,
your love is poured out on all peoples.
Yet we have been slow to receive it for ourselves.
And even more reluctant to acknowledge
the extension of your love
to people who are different from us.
We have been slow to live out your love—
our actions have not matched our words;
our hearts have not matched your message.
Help us hear your call
and feel your transformative power,
that we can truly be the family of God,
embracing all your children.
May your Spirit fill us with courage
to proclaim the good news
of your all-encompassing love.
Strengthen our resolve and guide our actions,
that we may truly bear good fruit.**

(A time of silent prayers of confession.)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (1 John 4, John 15)

Beloved, God is love and God loves us with a mother's fierce
tenderness. If we abide in this love, God will hear and respond
in loving forgiveness, so that we may bear the fruit of love and
compassion and justice.

Amen

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings

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

RESPONSE* UMH 95

Prayer of Thanksgiving*

THE LORD'S PRAYER* UMH 895

HYMN* *We've A Story to Tell to the Nations* UMH 569

Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude

WELCOME TO THIS WORSHIP SERVICE

We're so glad to have you here. Please take the time to fill out the yellow attendance insert and place it in the offering plate during the offering. 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*.

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