

Order of Worship
Friendship United Methodist Church
Sunday March 23, 2025

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Gathering
Greeting/Announcements

"This Is The Day"

***Call to Worship**

from Psalm 63

L: O God, you are our God; we seek you;
our souls thirst for you;

P: *We have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.*

L: Because your steadfast love is better than life,
our lips will praise you.

P: *So we will bless you as long as we live;
we will lift up our hands and call on your name.*

All: *O come, let us worship the Lord!*

Opening Prayer

Shirley Waldrum

***Hymn of Praise**

UMH #378

"Amazing Grace"

*Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!*

*I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.*

*Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;*

*'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.*

*The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be,
as long as life endures.*

*Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess, within the veil,
a life of joy and peace.*

*When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.*

Prayer of Confession

Holy and gracious Lord, we bow before you this day with humble and contrite hearts. As we have walked with you over these last days, we have become painfully aware of our lack of faith. While you have remained faithful to your covenant, we have fallen short; where you have extended grace to us, we have been less ready to be graceful to those around us; where you have accepted us as we are, we have expected those around us to change to our liking; where you have lifted us up, we have too often rejoiced at the failure of others. Forgive us, we pray. Once again fill our mouths with holy praise, that the hosannas proclaimed with our lips may be the true expression of our hearts as we welcome Your Son to the gates of our lives. In His name we pray. Amen.

P: As forgiven and reconciled people, let us raise our voices to God in Praise!

***Gloria Patri**

UMH # 70

Scripture Reading**Luke 13:6-9**

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the man working the vineyard, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good, but if not, you can cut it down.'"

L: This is the Word of God, for the people of God.

P: *Thanks be to God!*

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings**Debra Jackson**

As the Spirit leads, those worshipping in person may place their gifts in the offering plates located near the doors of the sanctuary.

The Doxology*UMH # 95**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him, all creatures here below
Praise him, above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

Children's Time**Sharing Our Joys and Concerns/Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer**

During this time, the congregation is invited to offer up their concerns for others by speaking their name or by typing their name into the "chat" box on Facebook. Please offer only their first name to protect their privacy. After each name is raised, let the congregation respond:
"Lord, hear our prayer."

Hymn of Celebration**UMH #577**

"God of Grace and God of Glory"
*God of grace and God of glory,
on the people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story,
bring her bud to glorious flower.*

*Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.*

*Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us;
free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.*

*Cure thy children's warring madness,
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.*

*Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the search for thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.*

Hymn of Preparation**UMH # 174*****"His Name is Wonderful"***

*His Name is Wonderful. His Name is Wonderful
His Name is Wonderful. Jesus My Lord*

*He is the Mighty King, Master of everything
His Name is Wonderful. Jesus My Lord*

*He's the Great shepherd. The Rock of All Ages
Almighty God is He*

Benediction

*Bow down before Him, Love and adore Him.
His Name is Wonderful. Jesus My Lord*

Message

“God the Gardener”

Hymn of Discipleship

“Just as I am”

*Just as I am, without one plea,
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidst me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

*Just as I am, and waiting not
to rid my soul of one dark blot,
to thee whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

*Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

*Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

*Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

*Just as I am, thy love unknown
hath broken every barrier down;
now, to be thine, yea thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

Rev. Spore

UMH #357

Opportunities for Involvement and Ministry

Each Sunday

9:50 – Sunday School

11:00 – Worship

Each Wednesday

Friendship Crafters – 10:00

Bible Study – 12:00

Sunday, March 30

Covered Dish Lunch *(after worship)*

Wednesday, April 2

Ministry Team – 1:30

Worship Leaders

Rev. Roy Spore – Pastor

Shirley Waldrum – Music leader

Debra Jackson – Pianist

Karen Spore – Technical Assistant

Paul Lindville – Lay Reader

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