

Order of Worship
Friendship United Methodist Church
Sunday September 1, 2024

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Today's communion rail offering benefits Methodist Children's Home.

Gathering
Greeting/Announcements

"This Is The Day"

Call to Worship

from Psalm 18

L: I love you, O Lord, my strength.

P: *The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer,
my God, my rock in whom I take refuge,
my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.*

L: I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised,

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

***Hymn of Celebration**

UMH #160

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

*Rejoice, ye pure in heart;
rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
your glorious banner wave on high,
the cross of Christ your King.*

Refrain:

*Rejoice, rejoice,
rejoice, give thanks and sing.*

*Your clear hosannas raise,
and alleluias loud;
whilst answering echoes upward float,
like wreaths of incense cloud. [Refrain]*

*Yes, on through life's long path,
still chanting as ye go;*

*from youth to age, by night and day,
in gladness and in woe. [Refrain]*

*At last the march shall end;
the wearied ones shall rest;
the pilgrims find their heavenly home,
Jerusalem the blest. [Refrain]*

*Praise God who reigns on high,
the Lord whom we adore,
the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
one God forevermore. [Refrain]*

Prayer of Confession

UMH #12

L: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

P: *Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

All pray in silence.

L: Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

P: *In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!*

All: *Glory to God. Amen.*

Gloria Patri

UMH # 70

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

Scripture Reading

James 1:17-25

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave birth to us by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved brothers and sisters: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger, for human anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

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

P: *Thanks be to God!*

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

***The Doxology**

UMH # 95

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

Children's Time

Roy Spore

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns/Pastoral Prayer

During this time, the congregation is invited to offer up their concerns by speaking their name or typing them into the "chat" box on Facebook. When offering up individuals, please type only their first name to protect their privacy. As each name is spoken, let the congregation respond "...Lord, hear our prayer."

Message

Roy Spore

"Do It"

Hymn of Preparation

UMH #176

"Majesty"

*Majesty, worship his majesty
Unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise
Majesty, kingdom authority
Flow from his throne, unto his own, his anthem raise.*

*So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King
Majesty, worship his majesty
Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH 13

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts;

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise

It is right, and a good and joyful thing ...

...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is Jesus Christ ...

... And so, in remembrance of these, your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered together, and on all these gifts ...

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

At this time, let each person lift up the wafer as the pastor says:

The Body of Christ, broken for you.

Let each person lift up the cup as the pastor says:

The Blood of Christ, shed for you.

Hymn of Discipleship

UMH #614

“For the Bread Which You Have Broken”

*For the bread which you have broken,
for the wine which you have poured,
for the words which you have spoken,
now we give you thanks, O Lord.*

*By this pledge that you do love us,
by your gift of peace restored,
by your call to heaven above us,
hallow all our lives, O Lord.*

With our sainted ones in glory

*seated at the heavenly board,
may the church that's waiting for you
keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.*

*In your service, Lord, defend us,
in our hearts keep watch and ward;
in the world where you have sent us,
let your kingdom come, O Lord.*

Benediction

Opportunities for Involvement and Ministry

Each Sunday

9:50 – Sunday School

11:00 – Worship

Wednesday, September 4

1:30 – Ministry Team

Worship Leaders

Rev. Roy Spore – Pastor

Shirley Waldrum – Music leader

Debra Jackson - Pianist

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