

Order of Worship
Friendship United Methodist Church
Sunday, May 18, 2025

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Gathering
Greeting/Announcements

"This Is The Day"

***Call to Worship**

from Psalm 104

L: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

P: May the glory of the Lord endure forever;

L: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

P: May my meditation be pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the Lord.

L: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

P: Praise the Lord!

All: O come, let us worship the Lord.

***Invocation**

Shirley Waldrum

*** Hymn of Praise & Celebration**

UMH #408

"The Gift of Love"

*Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain,
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.*

*Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.*

*Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
our spirits long to be made whole.*

*Let inward love guide every deed;
by this we worship, and are freed.*

Affirmation of Faith

UMH #888

L: This is the good news which we have received,
in which we stand,
and by which we are saved:

**ALL: Christ died for our sins,
was buried,
was raised on the third day,
and appeared first to the women,
then to Peter and the Twelve,
and then to many faithful witnesses.
We believe Jesus is the Christ,
the Anointed One of God,
the firstborn of all creation,
the firstborn from the dead,
in whom all things hold together,
in whom the fullness of God
was pleased to dwell
by the power of the Spirit.
Christ is the head of the body, the church
and by the blood of the cross
reconciles all things to God. Amen.**

***Gloria Patri**

UMH #70

Scripture Reading

John 13:31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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

P: *Thanks be to God!*

Musical Offering

Linda Pease

*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 #191

"Jesus Loves Me"

*Jesus loves me! This I know,
for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong;
they are weak, but he is strong.
Refrain:
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

*Jesus loves me! This I know,
as he loved so long ago,
taking children on his knee,
saying, "Let them come to me."
(Refrain)*

*Jesus loves me still today,
walking with me on my way,
wanting as a friend to give
light and love to all who live.
(Refrain)*

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*

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

Message

Rev. Spore

"The Test of Discipleship"

Hymn of Discipleship

UMH #384

"Love Divine All Loves Excelling"

*Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.*

*Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit;
let us find that second rest.*

*Take away our bent to sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.*

*Come, Almighty to deliver;
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.*

*Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.*

Benediction

*Join us for worship this summer as we explore the “Unlikely Heroes
From the Bible.”*

Opportunities for Involvement and Ministry

Each Sunday

9:50 – Sunday School

11:00 – Worship

Each Wednesday

10:00 – Friendship Crafters

12:00 – Bible Study

June 8-10

Annual Conference

Worship Leaders

Rev. Roy Spore – Pastor

Shirley Waldrum – Music leader

Linda Pease – Guest Pianist

Karen Spore – Technical Assistant

Pat Greenfield – Lay Reader

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