

**Order of Worship**  
**Friendship United Methodist Church**  
**Sunday February 9, 2025**

*Please turn off the internet connection on your cell phones or place them in "Airplane Mode."*

**Gathering**  
**Greeting/Announcements**

**"This Is The Day"**

**\*Call to Worship** **from Psalm 138**

**L:** I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I sing your praise;

**P:** *I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness.*

**L:** Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
you preserve me against the wrath of my adversaries;

**P:** *You stretch out your hand,  
and your right hand delivers me.*

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

**Opening Prayer**

**Shirley Waldrum**

**\*Hymn of Praise**

**UMH #170**

**"O How I Love Jesus"**

*There is a name I love to hear,  
I love to sing its worth;  
it sounds like music in my ear,  
the sweetest name on earth.*

*Refrain:*

*O how I love Jesus,  
O how I love Jesus,  
O how I love Jesus,  
because he first loved me!*

*It tells me of a Savior's love,*

*who died to set me free;  
it tells me of his precious blood,  
the sinner's perfect plea. [Refrain]*

*It tells of one whose loving heart  
can feel my deepest woe;  
who in each sorrow bears a part  
that none can bear below. [Refrain]*

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

**UMH #887**

**L:** There is one God and there is one mediator, Christ Jesus, who came as a ransom for all, to whom we testify.

**All:** *This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners, and was manifested in the flesh, vindicated in the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory. Great indeed is the mystery of the gospel. Amen.*

**\*Gloria Patri**

**UMH # 70**

**Scripture Reading**

**I Corinthians 15:1-11**

*Now I want you to understand, brothers and sisters, the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.*

*For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures and that he was buried and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain.*

*On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you believed.*

**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 #310**

***"He Lives"***

*I Serve A Risen Savior  
He's In The World Today.  
I Know That He Is Living,  
Whatever Foes May Say.  
I See His Hand Of Mercy;  
I Hear His Voice Of Cheer;  
And Just The Time I Need Him  
He's Always Near.*

*Chorus:*

*He Lives, He Lives, Christ Jesus Lives Today!*

*He Walks With Me And*

*Talks With Me Along Life's Narrow Way.*

*He Lives, He Lives, Salvation To Impart!*

*You Ask Me How I Know He Lives?*

*He Lives Within My Heart.*

*In All The World Around Me*

*I See His Loving Care,*

*And Though My Heart Grows Weary,*

*I Never Will Despair;*

*I Know That He Is Leading,*

*Through All The Stormy Blast;*

*The Day Of His Appearing*

*Will Come At Last. (Chorus)*

*Rejoice, Rejoice, Oh Christian,*

*Lift Up Your Voice And Sing*

*Eternal Hallelujahs*

*To Jesus Christ The King!*

*The Hope Of All Who Seek Him,*

*The Help Of All Who Find,*

*None Other Is So Loving,*

*So Good And Kind. (Chorus)*

**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**

*“O First Importance”*

**Hymn of Discipleship**

***“Jesus Calls Us”***

*Jesus calls us o'er the tumult  
of our life's wild, restless sea;  
day by day his sweet voice soundeth,  
saying, "Christian, follow me!"*

*As of old the apostles heard it  
by the Galilean lake,  
turned from home and toil and kindred,  
leaving all for Jesus' sake.*

*Jesus calls us from the worship  
of the vain world's golden store,  
from each idol that would keep us,  
saying, "Christian, love me more!"*

*In our joys and in our sorrows,  
days of toil and hours of ease,  
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,  
"Christian, love me more than these!"*

*Jesus calls us! By thy mercies,  
Savior, may we hear thy call,  
give our hearts to thine obedience,  
serve and love thee best of all.*

**Benediction**

**Opportunities for Involvement and Ministry**

**Each Sunday**

**Rev. Spore**

**UMH #398**

9:50 – Sunday School

11:00 – Worship

**Each Wednesday**

Friendship Crafters – 10:00

Bible Study – 12:00

**Tuesday, March 4**

5:30 – Mardi Gras Celebration

**Wednesday, March 5**

5:30 - Ash Wednesday Service

**Worship Leaders**

Rev. Roy Spore –Pastor

Shirley Waldrum – Music leader

Debra Jackson – Pianist

Karen Spore – Technical Assistant

Jim Williams – Lay Reader

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