



North Liberty First

A United Methodist Community of Faith

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Prelude

Whether you are joining us in person or on-line, know that we are here to journey along with you as we live into our mission: to follow and invite others to follow Jesus Christ.

Remembering our Baptism

*Call to Worship

Come all who are weary of wealth, of poverty, of power, of struggle, of division,

We come today where we are at to worship you!

Come all who are heavy-laden with too much, with too little, with anxiety, with fear, with anger,

You walk alongside us to ease our burdens.

Come all who have hope for liberation, for peace, for freedom, for the kingdom,

Our hope is found in you!

Hear these words, "See, I am making all things new."

God is creating something new in us! Hallelujah, Amen!

*Song	Go Tell It On The Mountain	UMH 251
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First Lesson	Psalm 8	NLT
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Word for Children

Second Lesson	Ecclesiastes 3:1-11	NLT
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³ For everything there is a season,
 a time for every activity under heaven.

² A time to be born and a time to die.

 A time to plant and a time to harvest.

³ A time to kill and a time to heal.

 A time to tear down and a time to build up.

⁴ A time to cry and a time to laugh.

 A time to grieve and a time to dance.

⁵ A time to scatter stones and a time to gather stones.

 A time to embrace and a time to turn away.

⁶ A time to search and a time to quit searching.

 A time to keep and a time to throw away.

⁷ A time to tear and a time to mend.

 A time to be quiet and a time to speak.

⁸ A time to love and a time to hate.

 A time for war and a time for peace.

⁹ What do people really get for all their hard work? ¹⁰ I have seen the burden God has placed on us all. ¹¹ Yet God has made everything beautiful for its own time. He has planted eternity in the human heart, but even so, people cannot see the whole scope of God's work from beginning to end.

Message for the Lord's Day

Laura Bibby

*Response To The Word

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.**

Song

How Great Thou Art

UMH 77

Prayers of the People

After each petition, there will be a pause for silent prayer. After Pastor says "Lord in your mercy" ALL reply "hear our prayers."

Together, let us pray
For the people in this congregation,
For those who are suffering,
For those who don't know where their next meal will come from, For the homeless who are looking for shelter from the cold,
For our troops, police, EMTs, firefighters,
and others in harm's way,
For those who are traveling far away from home,
For peace and goodwill to all

The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Mission And Ministry Moment

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Song

Something Beautiful

UMH 394

*Doxology

**Blessed be God. Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God. Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be His kingdom now and forever.**

Amen, Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Almighty God, You gave us everything when You gave us Your One and Only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave the ultimate sacrifice of His life for ours, all because of Your unwavering love for us.

May our offerings of sacrifice be an acceptable offering as a reflection of our love for You. We ask this in Jesus' name, Amen.

*Song

Lord Divine, All Love's Excelling

UMH 384

Wesley's Covenant Prayer

I am no longer my own, but yours. Put me to what you will, place me with whom you will. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be put to work for you or set aside for you. Praised for you or criticized for you. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and fully surrender all things to your glory and service. And now, O wonderful and holy God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, you are mine, and I am yours. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, Let it also be made in heaven. Amen.

***Benediction**

**Life is short and we have too little time
to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us.
So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind,**

and may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and always.
Amen.