

Welcome and Announcements

Rick Schlee

L: This is the day that the Lord has made!

P: We will rejoice and be glad in it!

Centering Bell

Music to Prepare Our Hearts

“Solemn Prelude”

Dr. Kristie Janczyk

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*Call to Worship

L: God, we know you are with us.

P: From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

L: You have showered your love upon all generations, since the beginning of time.

P: From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

L: Guide us now through this time of worship, and into the week ahead.

P: From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

*Hymn of Praise

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

UMH 400

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**Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of thy redeeming love.**

**Here I raise mine Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.**

**O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;**

**here's my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.**

A Season of Prayer

Prayer Song “Come and Find the Quiet Center”

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Verse 1

Sung

**Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:
Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes, that we can see
all the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.**

A Time of Quiet for Personal Prayer

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

UMH 895

**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.**

Prayer Song “Come and Find the Quiet Center”

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Verse 3

**In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain,
Let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain:
There's a place for deepest dreaming, there's a time for heart to care,
In the Spirit's lively scheming there is always room to spare.**

Anthem

“I Want To Be Ready”

Chancel Choir

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Scripture Reading

Matthew 22:35-38

L: This is the word of the Lord!

P: Thanks be to God!

*Song of Preparation

“Love the Lord Your God”

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Sing Twice

**Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart.
Love the Lord, your God, with all your soul.
Love the Lord. your God, with all your mind.
Love the Lord, your God, with all that you are.**

We Share our Gifts

Invitation to Giving

1 John 3:16-18

Song During Offering “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

Dr. Kristie Janczyk

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*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise God all creatures here below!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison)

Generous and giving God, you have offered us a deep and soul-satisfying relationship with you, one that extends far beyond our earthly journey; and too many of us have opted for a “faith-lite” experience. One day a week or a couple of times a month has been a better fit. We have rejected what you so generously offer us, even as we dwell in and are sustained by your vineyard. As we offer our gifts this day, may we better receive the relationship you offer us and may we walk more closely. In Christ’s holy name, we pray. Amen.

*Hymn of Commitment

“Forth in Thy Name, O Lord”

UMH 438

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Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,

my daily labor to pursue;

thee, only thee, resolved to know

in all I think or speak or do.

The task thy wisdom hath assigned,

O let me cheerfully fulfill;

in all my works thy presence find,

and prove thy good and perfect will.

Thee may I set at my right hand,

whose eyes mine in-most substance see,

and labor on at thy command,

and offer all my works to thee.

**For thee delightfully employ
what e'er thy bounteous grace hath given;
and run my course with even joy,
and closely walk with thee to heaven.**

***Blessing**

L: ... And may God give you justice and freedom;
May Christ Jesus set you free for love;
and may the Holy Spirit go where you go
and protect you on your way.

P: **We go in peace to love and serve the Lord, in the name of Christ. Amen.**

***Music for Going Forth**

“Sunday Joy”

Dr. Kristie Janczyk

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