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Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 a.m. November 12, 2017

The Order of Worship

Songs of Gathering

I want to be ready

No. 722 (UMH)

(Sections marked “Leader” are sung by the choir)

Community Announcements

(Please take the black welcome folder located at the end of your pew, fill it out and pass it to the next person. When the folder has reached the end of the pew, please return it to the starting point, noting the names of those sitting near you so that you can greet them. After the offertory, ushers will collect the welcome folders.)

Prelude

The joy of the redeemed

Clarence Dickinson

(Based on UMH No. 727 – Dr. Dickinson served as Organist at First Church in 1902)

+Call to Worship

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. AMEN.

+Entrance Hymn

O what their joy and their glory must be

No. 727 (UMH)

+Opening Prayer

*(+ indicates congregation standing as able
UMH = red hymnal, TFWs = supplement)*

Anthem

A Thanksgiving Prayer

Don Besig

Thank you Lord, for loving us all.
For your gifts both great and small,
for the faith that keeps us strong,
now we join in thankful song.

For the beauty all around,
every sight and every sound,
for the love and friendship we share,
Lord, we bow in thankful prayer.

We gather together to share in God's blessings:
the colors of autumn, the blossoms of spring,
the gift of creation, the promise of salvation.
For all His many wonders our thanks now we bring.

Together we join in our song of thanksgiving,
with grateful rejoicing our voices we raise.
All people, all nations, unite in celebration,
to God be all honor and glory and praise!

Now we join in worship and praise.
Now with joy our voices we raise.
All of us here united this day,
offering God all glory and praise! Amen.

First Reading

Amos 5:18-24
(*Pew Bible OT p. 854*)

(Following the reading, the leader says "This is the word of God
for the people of God;" the people respond "**Thanks be to God.**")

+Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia

No. 186 (UMH)

(Sing once before and once after the Gospel reading)

+Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:1-13
(*Pew Bible NT p. 28*)

(Following the Gospel reading, the leader says "Hear what the Spirit says to the
church"; the people respond "**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**")

Time With Children

(Children ages 3 years thru 4th grade are invited to 3rd floor Children's Chapel after Time with Children.
Please make sure your child is signed into Chapel and picked up immediately after worship).

Hymn

Awake, O sleeper

No. 551 (UMH)

Sermon

Oil Shortage

Reception of New Members

No. 33 (UMH)

Steve Betzner

Kevin Chanashing & Brian Fenwick

John Chapman

Lynn Forbing

Lisa Gresch

Scott & Terri Nelson

Sally Roberts

Jon-Erick & Il

Andy and Julie Shotwell

Louise Sprengelmeyer

Colin & Charlotte Winters

Prayers of the People

*Prayers, whether spoken or unspoken, may be written on the yellow prayer request card and placed in the offering plate. In our petitions, we pray for each other, the world, and ourselves, and after the leader says “**Mighty God, Lover of Justice,**” the people respond with “**Hear our Prayer.**”*

+The Peace

(All exchange signs and words of God’s peace.)

Offering

Offertory

A mighty fortress, BWV 80, No. 1

Johann Sebastian Bach

Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott,
Ein gute Wehr und Waffen;
Er hilft uns frei aus aller Not,
Die uns itzt hat betroffen.
Der alte böse Feind,
Mit Ernst er’s jetzt meint,
Groß Macht und viel List
Sein grausam Rüstung ist,
Auf Erd ist nicht seinsgleichen.

(English trans. UMH No. 110 - Stanza 1)

+Presenting Our Gifts to God

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow . . .

No. 94 (UMH)

+Offertory Prayer

(Ushers will come by to collect the welcome folders.)

+Sending Hymn

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates

No. 213 (UMH)

+Blessing and Dismissal

+Benediction Response

Sevenfold Amen

Brian Schoettler

Postlude

Trumpet Voluntary

Jeremiah Clarke

After the service, Dean Francis will greet the congregation at the Hinman Avenue exit, Jane Cheema at the Fountain Foyer exit, and Bonny Roth at the Church St. exit.