

March 13, 2022
Sanctuary Worship, 11:00AM

Welcome to worship today!

Please remember to follow the directions of our ushers. Masks are no longer mandatory inside the building, but recommended. We will continue to use generous spacing, respect the boundaries of others, and rejoice that we may worship together!



Prelude

We invite you to enjoy the prelude as a time of quiet reflection, and to individually prepare your hearts for the worship of God.

Call to Worship

Leader: Thanks be to God for the mystery of our faith!

People: Jesus Christ, the image of the invisible God, Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, Jesus Christ, who was and is and is to come.

Leader: Jesus Christ, Emmanuel, God with us!

People: Jesus Christ, friend of the poor, champion of the oppressed!

All: We worship you!

Leader: Thanks be to God for the firstborn of all creation!

People: Thanks be to God for the firstborn from the dead!

Leader: Thanks be to God for Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church, the head of this church!

All: Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, we worship you!

Safiyah Fosua, posted on the United Methodist Church Discipleship Ministries website, umcdiscipleship.org.

Prayer

Image of the invisible God, Firstborn of creation,

You have been at work in our world since its conception.

Your light shines brighter than the sun,

And your power outlasts the strongest of nations.

In blue skies and green fields; In children's first songs and the wisdom of the aged;

In your body, the church;

We see you and give thanks. Come and shine within our worship.

Bless us with the power that brings us to our knees and then lifts us up to serve you and others. Show us the fullness of God. Amen.

Hymn – *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

When morning gilds the skies my heart awaking cries; May Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer, to Jesus I repair: May Jesus Christ be praised!

The night becomes as day when from the heart we say: May Jesus Christ be praised!
The powers of darkness fear when this sweet chant they hear:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Let all the earth around ring joyous with the sound: May Jesus Christ be praised!
In heaven's eternal bliss the loveliest strain is this: May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine: May Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this th'eternal song through all the ages long: May Jesus Christ be praised!

UMH 185. Katholisches Gesangbuch, trans. by Edward Caswall and Robert S. Bridges; Joseph Barnby.

Prayer Time & Lord's Prayer

(To share your joys and concerns, please text them to Elias at 252-578-1090.)

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.

Choir Anthem – *In the Beginning Was the Word*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God, was God, was God.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God, was God, was God.

He was with God in the beginning.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us,
and made his dwelling among us, among us.

We have seen his glory, we have seen his glory,
the glory of the Father, of the One and Only,

full of grace and truth, full of grace and truth, full of grace and truth.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, God, God.

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Scripture Lesson – Colossians 1: 15-18

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the one who is first over all creation,

Because all things were created by him: both in the heavens and on the earth, the things that are visible and the things that are invisible. Whether they are thrones or powers, or rulers or authorities, all things were created through him and for him. He existed before all things, and all things are held together in him. He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the one who is firstborn from among the dead so that he might occupy the first place in everything.

Lord of the Dance, verse 1

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance said he.

And I'll lead you all wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

UMH 261. Sydney Carter; 19th cent. Shaker tune; adapt. by Sydney Carter; harm. by Gary Alan Smith.

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Message – Lord of the Dance, Part 1

Hymn – Fairest Lord Jesus

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature, O thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels in heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!

Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine.

UMH 189. Münster Gesangbuch, trans Joesph August Seiss; Schlesische Volkslieder, arr. by Richard Storrs

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Blessing & Sending Out

Forward to Share Our Offerings

Out to Share Peace and On to Praise the Lord of the Dance

What to know this week ...

Meetings this week: *Worship Team, 4pm today in Room 12; UMYF, 4pm today in Montague Hall; SeniorTechEd Open Help Workshop 1pm Monday in Room 12; Coffee & Conversation, 11am Wednesday (contact Peggy Biggers for details); Wednesday Worship, 6:30pm in the north parking lot; The Colossian Way, 7pm in Room 12*

COVID Protocols Update

1. *Beginning Sunday, March 6, masks are recommended but not required inside the building.*
2. *We will continue to use extra spaces between worshippers, skipping rows in the Sanctuary and spacing our chairs widely in Carson Hall. We will also continue to record worshipper seating so that we are able to communicate any COVID reports to those who participate in indoor worship on a given Sunday.*
3. *We will continue to respect the boundaries of others, simply rejoicing that we may worship together.*
4. *We will continue to provide outdoor access to 9:15 worship (in cars and on the patio), along with a heater for the patio.*
5. *These guidelines will apply to our Education wing as well, including our preschool.*

The Landing Spot Discipleship Class *is resuming their weekly class meetings today at 10:15 am! They will be meeting in Room 12.*

Special offering today: *Please remember that we will receive our first quarter special offering March 6 and 13 for the people of Petrópolis, Brazil. Petrópolis experienced a torrential rainfall (10 inches of rain in 6 hours), triggering mudslides in the community. Please note on your checks that you are giving to the Petrópolis Central UMC.*

Lent Prayer Calendar: *The St James-specific prayer calendar is on the website and updated weekly. Please remember each day to pray for the needs of our church, our community, and our world.*

Fundraising opportunity: *St. James has an opportunity to work concession stands at PNC Arena as a fundraiser for the church. This can be a fruitful opportunity for fundraising AND fellowship! If you have questions or are interested in participating, please email Temple Walkowiak (twalkowiak@gmail.com).*

Wednesday Worship, 6:30PM *We will worship in the North Parking lot and have communion at 6:30 each week of Lent. These 30-minute services will include music, prayer, scripture, message and communion. You are invited to remain in your cars, or to place lawn chairs on the patio! Check the website each week for any inclement weather updates.*