

The liturgical colors are gold & white for joy and festivities

PRELUDE

"Linus and Lucy" Vince Guaraldi
Bonnie Budziak and Amy Bender, pianists

WELCOME

Melanie Lyttle, liturgist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Jesus declared, "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God."

MANY: May we learn to depend on God's abundant provision instead of the world's grasping for wealth as we worship today.

ONE: Jesus declared, "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled."

MANY: May we learn to follow Christ's call to provide for the hungry as co-creators of God's kingdom as we worship today.

ONE: Jesus declared, "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh."

MANY: May we learn to pay attention to those who suffer and mourn and to extend God's comfort and hope to those who need it as we worship today.

ONE: Jesus declared, "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man."

MANY: May our worship teach us to rejoice in that day and every day as we live out the good news in our families, neighborhoods, community, and world!

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, June 2024.

***OPENING HYMN** "Trust and Obey (When We Walk with the Lord)" UMH 467

Hymn History: The words to this hymn were written by John H. Sammis. He was born in Brooklyn, New York in 1846 and was a successful businessman. He moved to Indiana and there became a Christian at age 22. He served in the Indiana YMCA before becoming a Presbyterian Minister. He served churches in the midwest before moving to Los Angeles and teaching at the Los Angeles Bible Institute. Sammis received the music from composer Daniel Towner (born 1850) who wrote it upon hearing a young man state that though he wasn't sure, he was going to trust and obey the Lord. This occurred at a meeting the young man attended in Brockton, Massachusetts conducted by Dwight L Moody in 1886. Sammis added the words to complete the hymn. Both Sammis and Towner died in 1919, Sammis in California and Towner in Missouri.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

OPENING PRAYER

Compassionate God, we recognize that our world is a broken place, hurt by poverty, famine, and disease. We admit that sometimes we make the world a broken place, tolerating prejudice, conflict, and self-interest. We confess that our hearts also suffer with anger, Resentment, and jealousy. Renew us in Your love, O God, and heal us with the comfort of Your abundant love. Awaken us to the role we can play in healing Your creation. Strengthen us through the power of the Holy Spirit to hear Your word and move forward in faith. Amen.

Written by Gill Le Fevre

* Congregation invited to stand if able

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 17:5-10, p. 548

Children are invited to stay in worship or meet in the Narthex to go to Sunday School

ANTHEM

"A Jubilant Song" Allen Pote

SHARING STORIES OF GOD AT WORK THROUGH CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

MENTOR IN MINISTRY

SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"A New Jerusalem Arise" Kyle Pederson

*DOXOLOGY #94

**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 DEDICATION

Gracious God, who blesses us in our brokenness and rejoices with us in our joy, we bring these gifts as an offering of hope and love. May they be used to heal the hurting, feed the hungry, and welcome the weary. Help us to be a community that reflects your kingdom, where all find acceptance and grace. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

HYMN OF CENTERING

"Lord of the Dance" UMH 261

SCRIPTURE

Luke 6:20-23, p. 729

MESSAGE

"The Gospel According to Peanuts: Hound of Heaven"
Rev. Tammy Palermo

HYMN OF MISSION

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

UMH 402

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION SUNG RESPONSE "Go Now In Peace"

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen. Amen. Amen.**

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POSTLUDE

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Beethoven/Hopson

Altar Flowers are presented by Sally Carr
In Loving Memory of Doug Kepp

Pulpit Flowers presented by Kathy Fellows
In Appreciation of all the Volunteers

*There are openings for flowers in January:
please contact Kathy Fellows at 440.477.4485*

Prayers for Pastor Ivy and her daughter Lydia Smith as she
prepares to leave for the Air Force on January 14th

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The Gospel According to Peanuts



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Members who are in need of prayer:

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Lydia Smith as she prepares to leave for the Air Force on January 14th

Members admitted to Rehab, Assisted Living, or Nursing Home Facility:

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