

Order of Worship

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentacost

November 8, 2020

The liturgical color is green symbolizing a focus on our Christian growth.

*We lift up prayers for the community, our church family, staff, ministers,
and for the work of Christ in the world.*

Prelude “Come, Thou Fount of Ev’ry Blessing” Nettleton/arr. Moglebust
Adult Hand Bell Choir, *Jayne Smith, Director*

Call to Worship “Count Your Blessings”
Count your blessings, name them one by one. Count your blessings, see what God has done.
Count your blessings, name them one by one.
Count your many blessings, see what God has done.

Welcome Rev. Dr. George K. Howle

* **Opening Hymn** “Battle Hymn of the Republic” UMH #717

* **Affirmation of Faith**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

* **The Gloria Patri**

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.

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Meredith M. Dark

The Lord’s Prayer

Children’s Message Julia Brooks

* **Hymn of Preparation** “Take My Life, and Let It Be” UMH #399

* **Sermon Text** Matthew 25:14-30 Laura Bowden **8:30**
Shelby Sansbury **11:00**

“Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. ...

“Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. ... ‘Master,’ he said, ‘I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.’

“His master replied, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! ... Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.

“So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. For whoever has will be give more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

Anthem “Be Still My Soul/What a Friend We Have in Jesus” arr. Sponberg/Hall
Joy Taylor, Soloist

Sermon “Use It or Lose It” Rev. Dr. George K. Howle

* **Closing Hymn** “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” UMH #400

* **Benediction** Rev. Dr. George K. Howle

Benediction Response (congregation) “My Tribute” UMH #99

Postlude “I Want to Be Ready” arr. D. S. Ferguson

(*) Please stand as you are able.

UMH #717

“Battle Hymn of the Republic”

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword; His truth is marching on.

***Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory hallelujah! His truth is marching on.***

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment seat;
oh, be swift, my soul, to answer Him; be jubilant, my feet; our God is marching on. *[Refrain]*

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
with a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me;
as He died to make men holy, let us live to make men free; while God is marching on. *[Refrain]*

UMH #399

“Take My Life, and Let It Be”

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee.
Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

UMH #400

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

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.

UMH #99

“My Tribute”

To God be the glory, to God be the glory, to God be the glory for the things he has done.
With his blood he has saved me; with his power he has raised me;
to God be the glory for the things he has done.

Flowers

The Floral arrangements in the Chancel today are given to the Glory of God and in memory of The Reverend Needham Williamson by Roselle Williamson for their twenty-third wedding anniversary, November 9th.

Flowers are needed for the following dates: Nov 15; Dec 6, 13, 20. To place flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one, please contact Jennifer Julian in the church office, 843-448-7164 x207 or jennifer@fumcmb.org.

We welcome those visiting with us today and pray that you will experience the presence of Christ in our worship together.

Sunday Worship may be viewed Live on Facebook at 8:30AM or on the website (www.fumcmb.org), on our mobile app, or on FOX TV Sundays at 10AM on channel 7 (one week delay).

Assisting in Worship

Ushers

8:30 Ann Andrews, Ron Andrews, Marion Bellamy, Harry Branton, Jerry Champion, Greg Clemmons, Ronald Eldridge, Judy Hall, Roger Hall, Jack Rebeck, Toby Ward

11:00 Neal Bowers, Preston Bowers, Don Myers, Annette Willette, Ed Willette

Video | Jim Lewis

Visuals | Melinda Morgan

Audio | 8:30 Dan Fleming

11:00 Melinda Morgan