

Order of Worship

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 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** "Canon in D" arr. Lamb
Adult Hand Bell Choir, Jayne Smith, Director
- Call to Worship** "On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand"
**I am bound for the promised land, I am bound for the promised land;
Oh, who will come and go with me? I am bound for the promised land.**
- Welcome** Rev. Dr. George K. Howle
- * **Opening Hymn** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" UMH #89
- * **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**
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.
- Children's Message** Julia Brooks
- * **Hymn of Preparation** "Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast" UMH #616
- * **Sermon Text** Matthew 22:1-14 Jennifer Hupko
Jesus responded by speaking again in parables: "The Kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding party for his son. He sent his servants to call those invited to the wedding party. But they didn't want to come. Again he sent other servants and said to them, 'Tell those who have been invited, 'Look, the meal is all prepared. I've butchered the oxen and the fattened cattle. Now everything's ready. Come to the wedding party!'" But they paid no attention and went away—some to their fields, others to their businesses. . . .
"Then those servants went to the roads and gathered everyone they found, both evil and good. The wedding party was full of guests. Now when the king came in and saw the guests, he spotted a man who wasn't wearing wedding clothes. . . . "Many people are invited, but few people are chosen."
- Special Music** "O Come to the Altar" Elevation Worship
Grant Nesmith, Guitar
- Sermon** "You are Invited" Rev. Dr. George K. Howle
- Service of Word and Table**
- Communion Reflection** "One Bread, One Body" arr. D.S. Ferguson
- * **Closing Hymn** "Bind Us Together" UMH #2226
- * **Benediction** Rev. Dr. George K. Howle
- Postlude** "All Who Love and Serve Your City" arr. D.S. Ferguson

(*) Please stand as you are able.

UMH #89

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;
love divine is reigning o’er us, binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

UMH #339

“Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast”

Come, sinners, to the gospel feast; let every soul be Jesus’ guest.
Ye need not one be left behind, for God hath bid all humankind.

Come, all ye souls by sin oppressed, ye restless wanderers after rest;
ye poor, and maimed, and halt, and blind, in Christ a hearty welcome find.

This is the time, no more delay! This is the Lord’s accepted day.
Come thou, this moment, at his call, and live for him who died for all.

UMH #2226

“Bind us Together”

*Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord, bind us together in love.*

There is only one God, there is only one King; There is only one body, that is why we sing.
{Repeat}

Flowers are needed for the following dates: Oct 25; Nov 15, 29. 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 Dabney Joyner, Ann Andrews, Ron Andrews, Marion Bellamy, Harry Branton, Jerry Champion, Greg Clemmons, Ronald Eldridge, Judy Hall, Roger Hall, Jack Rebeck, Toby Ward, Annette Willett

11:00 Rusty Watson, Neil McCoy, Aaron McKnight, Chad Mullinix, Don Myers, Lisa Sawicki, Daniel Shuler

Video | Jim Lewis

Visuals | Melinda Morgan

Audio | 8:30 Scott Bowen
11:00 Melinda Morgan