

September 18, 2022

* Please rise in body or in spirit

Prelude **Hanna Noh**

Greeting

Announcements - *Bread baking dates for our November 5th Bazaar - October 26, 27, 28, 29 (Wednesday thru Saturday).*

Birthdays

20 Ethan Arnold, Chris Harrell, Warren Cole, Justin Okerholm

23 Heidi Bradbury, Trish Smith-Disu

Video: Church (Take Me Back) by Cochren

***Call to Worship**

L: In the name of Jesus Christ, I welcome you to worship. Come Lord and be one with us. We invite you to open our hearts to receive your love.

P: Come now, Lord, and pour your love into our lives once again.

L: Come, Lord and be one with us.

P: Come, Lord, now. We invite you to open our minds to understand your grace.

L: come, Lord, for we want to experience all the blessings you want to give us.

P: come now, Lord. We are waiting and watching and listening. We are ready to encounter your glory and seek your will for our lives.

All: Come now, Lord. We are ready to honor you with our very being. Let us worship God together. Amen.

A Moment of silent prayer and Reflection

Opening Prayer Holy God, We thank you for the privilege of gathering here today to glorify your name. Your grace has allowed us to be together. You have promised that whenever we call on your name, you will hear and answer us. Come into our midst, God, and have

fellowship with us. Make your blessings abundant and grace us with your presence. Be among us from the beginning to the ending of this time of worship. Amen.

***Opening Hymn: Lord, Listen to your Children Praying #2193 FWS**

Prayers of Joy and Concern: Let us lift up our joys and our concerns this morning to our great God who hears and cares for each of us.

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Offering invitation Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude and praise.

Offering prayer

***Doxology UMH #95**

***Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

L: God of grace, it is our delight and our devotion to give these gifts to you. We are the receivers of love, the receivers of grace, receivers of Jesus

P: All we are and all we have is yours alone. We are the Givers following God's call, following Jesus, following our hearts. Accept this joyful offering as a token of our abiding love; use it to bring peace, justice and comfort to the world. AMEN.

***UMH #405 Seek Ye First**

WE HEAR THE WORD...LET GOD TALK TO US

1ST Thessalonians 5: 16-18 Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances for this is God's will for you in Jesus Christ. **Philippians 4: 6-7** Do not be anxious about anything but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. **Jeremiah 29: 12 and 33:3** Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know. **Hebrews 4: 16** Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in

our time of need. **Psalms 5:3** In the morning, Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly. **John 17: (various verses)** I pray for them...for those you gave me, for they are yours by right. They'll continue in the world. Holy Father, guard them as they pursue this life...so they can be one heart and mind. I am asking that you guard them from the Evil One ... Make them holy with the truth. I'm praying not only for them but also for those who will believe in me. The goal is for all of them to become one heart and mind with us. The same glory you gave me, I gave them. I have made your very being known to them – who you are and what you do- and continue to make it known, so that your love for me might be in them exactly as I am in them.

Message: "Pray for Me" Jan Jones

Closing prayer: Dear Jesus, we have heard your invitation to come near to you, to speak openly to you, to bring all of our joys and worries to you. Some days, we find ourselves just too busy to pray; too frazzled to stop and listen to your voice; too guilty to approach you; too afraid to let go of what is comfortable and familiar; too fearful to confess that we don't understand how to make our way back to you. We long too much for the comforts of this world. We loved the gifts more than the Giver. We have drifted. We want to return to you, our loving Father. We race to you and are joyful that you welcome us back into your presence. Forgive our sin and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. **Amen.**

***Sending Hymn: Every time I Feel the Spirit # 404 UMH**

***Benediction**

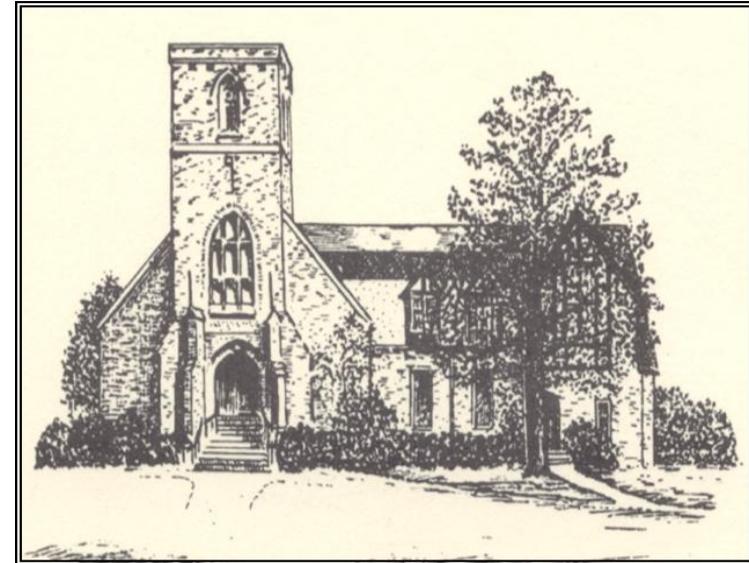
L: Glorious Lord, as we depart from this worship service, make your presence known in each individual heart and let us be blessed. Help us to go into the world sharing Your promise.

P: May it be the desire of hearts to be in prayer daily with you and to remain in Your presence always.

L: God's direction empowers us to be the best we can be. Go in God's grace and share the love of God with all you meet. **Amen**

Prayer for Peace throughout the Nations: UMH #431 Let there be Peace on Earth

Postlude Hanna Noh



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Give ear to my words, O Lord,

Consider my **MEDITATION**.

Give Heed to the voice of my cry,

My King and my God,

For to You I will **Pray**,

My voice You shall hear in the morning,

O, LORD: in the morning I will direct it. Psalm 5: 1-3