



Welcome and Announcements

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Centering Bell

Music to Prepare Our Hearts “Now the Green Blade Riseth”

Elizabeth Tomboulian

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Call to Worship

*Song of Joy

“Up from the Grave He Arose”

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**Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior,
Waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!**

Chorus

**Up from the grave he arose; with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;
He arose a victor from the dark domain,
And he lives forever, with his saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!**

**Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior,
vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord! (*Chorus*)**

**Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior;
he tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord! (*Chorus*)**

*A Statement of Faith

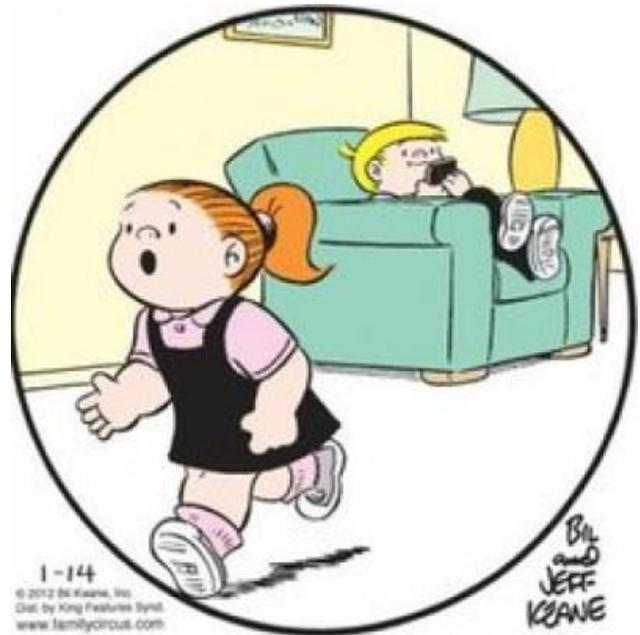
Ann Weems

We believe in God, in Jesus Christ, in the Holy Spirit, and in you and in me.

We believe the Holy Spirit has freed us to worship as a community.

We believe the Holy Spirit works through

**balloons and ministers
daisies and wiggly children
clanging cymbals and silence
drama and the unexpected
choirs and banners
spontaneity and planning
faith and doubt
tears and laughter
leading and supporting
hugging and kneeling
dancing and stillness
applauding and giving
creativity and plodding
words and listening
holding and letting go
thank you and help me
scripture and alleluias
agonizing and celebrating
accepting and caring
through you and me
through Love.**



"Billy says he doesn't hafta go to church anymore 'cause his phone has an app for that!"

We believe God's Holy Spirit lives in this community of dancing, hand-holding people where lines of age and politics and lifestyles are crossed.

We believe in praising God for Life.

We believe in responding to God's grace and love and justice for all people.

We believe in the poetry within each of us.

We believe in dreams and visions.

We believe in old people running and children leading.

We believe in the Kingdom of God within us.

We believe in Love!

*Gloria, Gloria

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Sing 3 times

**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis deio!
Gloria, gloria! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

A Season of Prayer

Personal Prayer ~ *a time of silence to speak with, and listen to our Lord*

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

UMH 895

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!

Anthem

“They Need to Hear It From You”

Chancel Choir

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Scripture

Mark 12:28-34

L: This is the word of God for the people of God

P: Thanks be to God!

*Song of Preparation

“The Gift of Love”

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**Though I may speak with bravest fire
And have the gift to all inspire
And have not love, my words are vain
As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.**

**Though I may give all I possess
And striving so my love profess
But not be given by love within,
The profit soon turns strangely thin.**

**Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
Our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
By this we worship, and are freed.**



Message

“Begin with Love”

Rev. Sharon Pajak

We Share Our Gifts

Invitation to Giving

Song During Offering

“Grace”

Elizabeth Tombouljian

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*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

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**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here be low; 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 Thanksgiving (Unison)

Holy God, architect of the universe, you have wonderfully made every delicate intricacy of this world! Then you placed human beings in the center of it, as we stumble our way through living our lives in union with your will and in harmony with creation. As we offer our tithes and gifts this morning, we thank you for sending your Jesus to show us the way in simple language: loving you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength; and loving our neighbor as we love ourselves. May our gifts be dedicated toward making both a reality. In Christ we pray. Amen.

*Song of Praise “They Will Know We are Christians By Our Love” TFWS 2223

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**We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored**

Chorus

**And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love**

**We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand
And together we’ll spread the news that God is in our land (*Chorus*)**

**We will work with each other, we will work side by side
We will work with each other, we will work side by side
And we’ll guard human dignity and save human pride (*Chorus*)**

**All praise to the Father from whom all things come
And all praise to Christ Jesus God’s only Son
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one (*Chorus*)**

*Blessing



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