

Grace United Methodist Church

February 12, 2023

Welcome and Announcements

Ellen White

L: This is the day that the Lord has made!

P: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Centering Bell

Music to Prepare Our Hearts

Elizabeth Tomboulion

“Guide Me, Oh, Thou Great Jehovah”

By Thomas Hastings, Public Domain

*Call to Worship ~ liturgist, please invite people to stand as they are comfortable

L: Are you awake? Are you alert?

P: Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.

L: Are you watching the signs? Are you interpreting what is happening today?

P: Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.

L: Do you see opportunities for ministry? Do you see the poor, the homeless, the hungry, the needy?

P: Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.

L: Come, let us worship and let us work in the reign of God.

P: Christ has extended the invitation: let us work together in the reign of God on earth.

*Hymn of Praise

“Dear Lord, Lead Me Day by Day”

UMH 411

Words by Francisca Asuncion; Music: Philippine folk melody; arr. by Francisca Asuncion ©1989 The United Methodist Publishing House OneLicense #A-734399

**Dear Lord, lead me day by day; make me steadfast, wise, and strong;
Happy most of all to know that my dear Lord loves me so.**

Refrain

**Praise to God, fount of love, praise from morn till the set of sun;
Praise at home, praise in church; praise to God everywhere on earth!**

**Dear Lord, lead me day by day; make me follow and obey
Faithfully your words of life, that your love ever abide. (Refrain)**

**Now with confidence I sing joyous praises to our God,
And with upright heart I give tender care and sympathy (Refrain)**

A Season of Prayer

Invitation to Pray

A Time of Quiet for Personal Prayer

Prayers of the People

Matthew 6:6

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

“We Believe”

Chancel Choir

Words by Don Besig and Nancy Price, Music by Don Besig, copyright 2011 Hal Leonard Corporation, CCLI #1365061

Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:21-37

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

P: **Thanks be to God!**

*Hymn of Preparation

“Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”

UMH 358

By John Greenleaf Whittier, 1872 and Frederick C. Maker, 1887 ~ Public Domain

Verses 1, 2

**Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways;
Reclothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives thy service find,
In deeper reverence, praise.**

**In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea,
The gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word,
Rise up and follow thee.**

Message

“Learning the Rules”

Rev. Sharon Pajak

We Share Our Gifts

Invitation to Giving

Song During Offering

“He Give Me Everything”

Elizabeth Tombouljian

by Elizabeth Tombouljian used with permission

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 95

By Thomas Ken, 1672 ~ Public Domain

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise him, all creatures here below!
Praise him above, ye heavenly host!
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen!**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison)

Giver of every good and perfect gift, thank you for this time to measure ourselves, even as we offer a portion of our financial resources to build up your Realm on earth, as it is in heaven. We ask you to draw us forward into renewed relationships AND to regular sharing of our financial resources. Accept our intentions, and urge us on, Amen!

*Hymn of Commitment

“Trust and Obey”

UMH 467

By John H. Sammis and David B Towner, 1887 ~ Public Domain

**When we walk with the Lord in the light of his word,
What a glory he sheds on our way!
While we do his good will, he abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.**

Refrain

**Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.**

**Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,
But our toil he doth richly repay;
Not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross,
But is blest if we trust and obey. (*Refrain*)**

**But we never can prove the delights of his love
Until all on the altar we lay;
For the favor he shows, for the joy he bestows,
Are for them who will trust and obey. (*Refrain*)**

**Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet,
Or we'll walk by his side in the way;
What he says we will do, where he sends we will go;
Never fear, only trust and obey. (*Refrain*)**

*Blessing

*Music for Going Forth

“Siyahamba”

Elizabeth Tomboulion

*Traditional South African Hymn, 1984, Peace of Music Publishing AB, Walton Music Corp., a division of GIA Publications, Inc.
OneLicense Arr. E Tomboulion, used with permission.*