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Immutable In Love
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#### **Welcome and Announcements**

## **Opening Prayer**

# **Call to Worship**



P: Some of us come today with hearts weighed down with anxiety, fear, despair, and hurt. Together we cling to this truth:

C: God's steadfast love endures forever.

P: Some of us come today with hearts that feel light with relief, joy, comfort, and gratitude. Together we cling to this truth:

C: God's steadfast love endures forever.

P: Some of us come today not knowing what we think about God, confused and disappointed that the world God made is so full of evils of every kind. Together we cling to this truth:

C: God's steadfast love endures forever.

P: Be with us, God, in all that we bring with us, as we gather to encounter your unchanging love.

C: We come today to enter the dance of the Trinity who is immutable in love. Amen.

Our Statement of Faith – The Apostles Creed p. 881 UMH

\*\* All to recite in unison \*\*

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** p. 70 UMH

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.

Opening Hymn – Great Is Thy Faithfulness p. 140 UMN

**Sharing Our Praises & Prayers** 

**Pastoral Prayer** 

**Lord's Prayer** 

Offering - Ushers come forward

## **Doxology** p. 95 UMH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heav'nly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

# **Old Testament Reading - Psalm 138 English Standard Version**

- \*\* L (Leader) C (Congregation) \*\*
- L: ¹ I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;
- C: <sup>2</sup>I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word.
- L: <sup>3</sup> On the day I called, you answered me; my strength of soul you increased.
- C: <sup>4</sup> All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth,
- L: 5 and they shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.
- C: <sup>6</sup> For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly, but the haughty he knows from afar.
- L: <sup>7</sup>Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life; you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and your right hand delivers me.
- C: 8 The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

**Congregational Hymn** – All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name p. 154 UMH vv. 1, 4, & 6

Gospel Reading - Mark 3:20-35 (English Standard Version)

<sup>20</sup> Then he went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat. 21 And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, "He is out of his mind." <sup>22</sup> And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and "by the prince of demons he casts out the demons." 23 And he called them to him and said to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? 24 If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. 25 And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. 26 And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an end. 27 But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. Then indeed he may plunder his house. <sup>28</sup> "Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter, <sup>29</sup> but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"— 30 for they were saying, "He has an unclean spirit." 31 And his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. 32 And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers are outside, seeking you." 33 And he answered them, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" 34 And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers!35 For whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother."

**Sermon** – Immutable in Love

Closing Hymn – Nothing But the Blood p. 362 UMH

#### **Benediction & Commission**

This is the faith that Christians proclaim:

The power of God that created the world is the power of love. The power in Jesus that rescues the world is the power of love. The power in us that changes the world is the power of love. Therefore, I bid you go in the name of love. Amen.

#### **Announcements**

• SAVE THE DATE: Annual Independence Day Celebration - July 7, 2024, 12:30 PM. Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Desserts, Bluegrass, and Corn Hole.

# **Prayer List**

#### Military / Missionary

Steve and Lena Gough
All who are serving our country at home and abroad

## **Church Family**

Wayne Bumgardner

Frank Dalton

Sherry Doub

Frances V. Gough

Wanda Needham

Barbara Perryman

Frances Sisk

Eleanor Thompson

# **Church Friend / Extended Family**

**Amber Lambert** 

nnette Lanier
nily of Becky Lingo
in McBride
in McDaniel
tt McKnight
rk Megela
rie Parrish
vn Proctor
D. Prevette
an Royal
ry Ellen Smith
rk Wall
n Wallace
ert and Susan Warren
annah Wooten

# **June Birthdays**

Alexis Kate Mark	1	Judy Williard	16
Lena Holt Travis	1	Melissa Kellam	19
Lilliemae Disher	6	Denise Ball Mills	19
Kaye Smith	7	Casey Mote	20
Chelsea Hunter	10	Carma Dawson	25
Kelsey Schmidt	13	Linda Gould	26
Heather Burton	14	Clarence Southern	26
Phil Seats	15	Wendee Disher	30
Tim Disher	16		

# **Wesley Covenant Prayer**

I am no longer my own, but thine.
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low for thee.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.
And now, O glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen!