

# The Worship of God

Sanctuary

September 29, 2019

11 am

## OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Saraband and Interlude*.....Herbert Sumsion  
(1899-1995)

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## INTROIT

*Let All The World In Every Corner Sing*.....Erik Routley  
Chancel Choir  
Text in UM Hymnal No. 93

*Please stand as you are able.*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

When we are lost and uncertain,  
**God provides prophets and storytellers to guide us toward the truth.**  
When we are in need of rescue,  
**God provides refuge and shelter during our darkest days.**  
When we are looking, seeking, and hoping,  
**God provides open arms to welcome us with love and faithfulness.**

## OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**Loving God, our rock and foundation, we thank you for the opportunity to gather in your holy name. May this be a time when we remember your faithfulness. You give us hope when despair creeps into our lives. You carve out a path when we lack direction. You send family members, firends, and even strangers when we need reminders of your promise. And you send Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, to show us how to live in your ways. May we open our hearts to receive all that you provide. Amen.**

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 57

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*.....AZMON

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

UM Hymnal No. 881

**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.**

## GLORIA PATRI

UM Hymnal No. 70

**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.**

*Please be seated.*

## ANTHEM

*Glory*.....arr. Linda Boice

Chancel Bells

## STEWARDSHIP MOMENT/GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

## Welcome!

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning! Please take a moment to sign the attendance notebooks during the announcements. If this is your first time, please leave your contact information and a pastor will contact you this week with more information about our church. Also, help yourself to a blue Wesley Memorial tote bag as our gift to you. Inside you will find information about our church. Check out our website at [www.wesleymemorial.org](http://www.wesleymemorial.org) and subscribe to our monthly newsletter or Wesley Weekly email blast for the latest events and opportunities!

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*Awake, Awake To Love And Work* ..... Eric Thiman  
Chancel Choir

*Awake, awake to love and work! The lark is in the sky, the fields are wet with diamond dew, the worlds awake to cry their blessings on the Lord of life, as he goes meekly by. Come, let thy voice be one with theirs, shout with their shout of praise; see how the giant sun soars up, great lord of years and days! So let the love of Jesus come and set thy soul ablaze. To give and give, and give again, what God hath given thee; to spend thyself nor count the cost; to serve right gloriously the God who gave all worlds that are, and all that are to be. (G. A. Studdert-Kennedy)*

*Please stand as you are able.*

**DOXOLOGY No. 94**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* ..... LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; 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**

*Please be seated.*

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Romans 6:12-14 (NT Pg. 156)

**SERMON**

*"Isn't Christianity All About Rules?"*

Jeff Patterson

*Please stand as you are able.*

**HYMN No. 363 (VERSES 1, 4 & 5)**

*And Can It Be that I Should Gain* ..... SAGINA

**BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

*Amen* ..... Dale Grotenhuis  
Chancel Choir

**CHIMES OF THE TRINITY**

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

*Fanfare-Processional* ..... David Bednall  
(b.1979)

**Service Notes:**

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**Greeters:** Norman Andrews, Bob Bass, Evelyn Davis.