

# The Worship of God

Sanctuary

October 20, 2019

11 am

## OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Fountain Reverie* .....Percy E. Fletcher

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### INTROIT

*We Bless The Father* .....Mark Bender

Chancel Choir

*We bless the Father and the Son and Holy Spirit. Praise Him and magnify Him forever. Blessed are you, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven and above all to be praised and glorified forever. Praise Him and magnify him forever. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Praise Him and magnify Him forever.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

We are born anew.

**We have a living hope.**

We have an enduring inheritance.

**It is God's love for us.**

We trust God.

**We rejoice with hearts filled with praise.**

Words cannot begin to express our joy.

**How can we express what it means to be invited into God's presence?**

## OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**Loving God, you are our refuge and our hope. You instruct us in your truth and teach us the ways that lead to life. Through your Son, Jesus, we inherit the abundance of your grace. Even when the way is difficult, even when we struggle, you are with us. Speak your word of peace to our hearts, that we too may proclaim Jesus as Lord. Amen.**

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 160

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* .....MARION

## 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

*Take My Life, And Let It Be* .....arr. William McVicker

Text in UM Hymnal No. 399

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Response:

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

## Welcome!

Thank you for worshiping 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!

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

**GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*The Hidden Stream That Feeds*.....Eleanor Daley

Chancel Choir

*The hidden stream that feeds our daily acts of care, springs forth in worship when Christ leads the church in song and prayer. Refrain: Lord, through our lives may others hear your living waters drawing near. The stream runs clear and deep and tastes of heaven's skies, and where its ceaseless currents sweep flows life that never dies. Refrain. A heart of stone and dust, of withered hopes and dreams, becomes a spring of faith and trust by drinking from these streams. Refrain. We leave this watered place to work on rocky ground, yet even there the streams of grace sustain our daily round. Refrain. (Thomas H. Troeger)*

*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**

**HYMN**

*Bless the Lord*.....BLESS THE LORD

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Bless the Lord". It consists of four staves of music. The first two staves are for the first line of lyrics: "Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's ho-ly name." The last two staves are for the second line of lyrics: "Bless the Lord my soul who leads me in-to life." The music is written in a common time signature (C) and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The lyrics are printed below the corresponding musical staves.

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

1 Corinthians 2:1-5 (NT Pg. 166)

**SERMON**

*"Testimony of God"*

Melissa Lowe

*Please stand as you are able.*

**HYMN No. 369**

*Blessed Assurance*.....ASSURANCE

**BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

*Grant Us, Lord, Your Perfect Peace*.....Dale Grotenhuis

Chancel Choir

*Grant us, Lord, your perfect peace when our minds are stayed on you. Guide us, Lord, upon our way as our trust is placed in you.*

**CHIMES OF THE TRINITY**

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

Postlude on *"Come Thou Almighty King"* .....Maurice C. Whitney

**Service Notes:**

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**Worship Leaders:**

**Melissa Lowe**, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care and Missions; **Clark Chilton**, Associate Pastor for Contemporary Worship and Evangelism; **Jacob Lancaster**, Pastoral Intern; **Anne Carroll**, Director of Music Ministries; **Chancel Choir**; **Frank Pifferetti**, Organist; **Slade Howell**, **Luke Shaw**, Acolytes; **Tess Mickey**, Crucifer; **Will Smith**, Bookbearer; **Judy Marsh**, Altar Guild; **Dave McCoy**, Sound Engineer.

**Ushers for October:**

Kyle Brown, Mark Clark, Tim Lassiter, Dave McCoy, Bill Utley.

**Greeters:** John Peeler, Carol Hutchins.