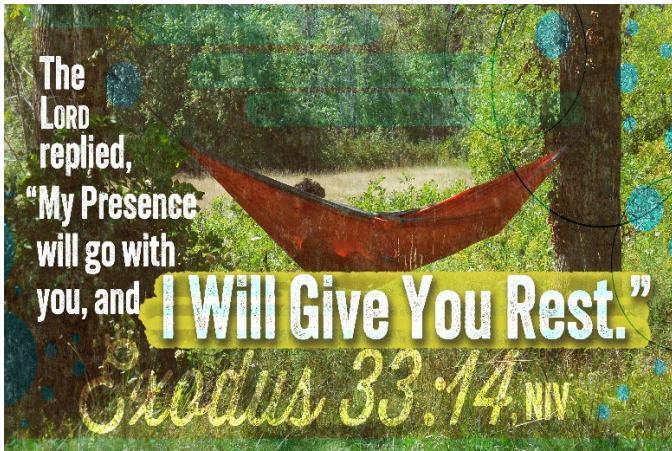


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*CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from *Call to Worship Journal*

LEADER: God gathers us into community with each other to love and work, to support and heal.

PEOPLE: **God is our dwelling place:**

LEADER: God gathers us into community with all people to bring justice and hope, freedom and truth.

PEOPLE: **God is our shelter:**

LEADER: God gathers us into community with all creation to live in harmony, to grow new gardens and gather the harvest.

PEOPLE: **God is our resting place.**

*HYMN

For the Beauty of the Earth

UMH #92, vs 1-2, 4 & 6

1. For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies;

Refrain: *Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.*

2. For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light; (Refrain)

4. For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild; (Refrain)

6. For thyself, best Gift Divine,
to the world so freely given,
for that great, great love of thine,
peace on earth, and joy in heaven:
(Refrain)

Christ, our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

Text: Folliot S. Pierpoint (1864)

Music: Conrad Kocher (1838)

Arranger: W. H. Monk (1861)

*AFFIRMATION *The World Methodist Social Affirmation* #886 UMH

We believe in God, creator of the world
and of all people;

and in Jesus Christ, incarnate among us,
who died and rose again;

and in the Holy Spirit,

present with us to guide, strengthen, and comfort.

We believe; God, help our unbelief.

We rejoice in every sign of God's Kingdom;

in the upholding of human dignity and community;

in every expression of love, justice and

reconciliation;

in each act of self-giving on behalf of others;

in the abundance of God's gifts

entrusted to us that all may have enough;

in all responsible use of the earth's resources.

Glory be to God on high;

and on earth, be peace .

We confess our sin, individual and collective,
by silence or action:

through the violation of human dignity

based on race, class, age, sex, nation, or faith;

through the exploitation of people

because of greed and indifference

through the misuse of power

in personal, communal, national,

and international life;

through the search for security

by those military and economic forces

that threaten human existence;

through the abuse of technology

which endangers the earth and all life upon it.

Lord, have mercy;

Christ, have mercy;

Lord, have mercy .

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We commit ourselves individually and as a community
to the way of Christ: to take up the cross;
to seek abundant life for all humanity;
to struggle for peace with justice and freedom;
to risk ourselves in faith, hope, and love,
praying that God's kingdom may come.
The kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven.
Amen.

-Adopted by World Methodist Council 1986 In Kenya

SCRIPTURE

1 Thessalonians 1:2-8a (NIV)

² We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. ³ We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake. ⁶ You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. ⁷ And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. ⁸ The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia—your faith in God has become known everywhere.

The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

TIME SINGING OUR FAVORITE HYMNS—8:20am

TIME WITH CHILDREN—9:40am

HYMN

*Make Me a Servant
#2176 Faith We Sing*

Make me a servant humble and meek,
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.
And may the prayer of my heart always be:
Make me a servant, make me a servant,
make me a servant today.

Words & Music: Kelly Willard

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Adapted from Ruth C. Duck

God of creation's beauty and power, Creator of all things in the farthest reaches of time and space, we praise you, Jesus Christ, who had power on earth to calm the seas, the winds, and the human spirit, we worship you. Holy Spirit, source of new creation in our souls, we open ourselves to you. May our amazement at your creative power move us to live on this earth as your true children.

Free us, and our world, from all bondage of sin and futility; make us your vision of a restored people. We remember those who hunger ... we carry the sick and lay them before you ... we seek reconciliation with those we have wronged and offer forgiveness to those who have harmed us ... we hope for peace and hope for all ... seeking now your Spirit we offer the words Jesus taught us saying:

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.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Offer the peace of Christ by saying:

The peace of Christ be with you.

Respond: And also with you!

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GIVING

*RESPONSE

#95

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.

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SCRIPTURE

Exodus 33:12-14 (NRSVUE)

¹² Moses said to the Lord, “You have been telling me, ‘Lead these people,’ but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, ‘I know you by name and you have found favor with me.’” ¹³ If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. Remember that this nation is your people.”

¹⁴ The Lord replied, “My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.”

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Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Presence and Rest
Rev. David W. Brown

MISSIONS MOMENT—9:40am

Melissa Meyer, President & CEO
Inter Parish Ministry



Our Mission – Feeding families in need and connecting neighbors to life-enhancing resources.

Our Vision – To create a thriving food-secure community.

Our Values –

Connect: build trusting relationships within our community.

Respect: welcoming everyone with dignity and kindness.

Respond: meeting the needs of those we serve.

Innovate: leading change to increase food security.

Education: encourage by teaching the benefits of healthier food choices.

*HYMN

All Creatures of Our God and King
#62 UMH vs 1, 5 & 7

1. All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing,
O praise ye! Alleluia!
O brother sun with golden beam,
O sister moon with silver gleam!
O praise ye! O praise ye!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

5. All ye who are of tender heart,
forgiving others, take your part,
O praise ye! Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
praise God and on him cast your care!
O praise ye! O praise ye!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

7. Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,
O praise ye! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One!
O praise ye! O praise ye!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Translator: William Draper (1925), from Francis of Assisi (1225)
Composer: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1906)
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BLESSING

Adapted from Rev. Dr. Ashlee Alley Crawford

The power of resurrection raised Jesus from the dead, and it raises us, too. You choose us before we do anything to be worthy of being chosen. May we be encouraged by the witness of those who serve you, the Loving and True God. In the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer we pray. Amen

**Stand as you are able*

Liturgist at 8:20 – Scott Darrah

Liturgist at 9:40 – Jay DeWitt

Greeters at 9:40 – Sally Scheer and Galen Mills

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given by Jim and Carol Meier in loving memory of their son, Nick.



Gather for coffee and treats in the Atrium following the 9:40 service!

**REGISTER YOUR
ATTENDANCE**



**ONLINE
GIVING**



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To volunteer, contact Andy Mauk at amauk403@gmail.com or 513-403-4433

Meet at the Madisonville Recreation Center
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Calling All Children Singers!

The Armstrong Chapel Handbell Choir has a music selection for Sunday, Nov. 22, that we would like to feature all children singers ages 6-12. Rehearsals will be Sundays Nov. 8 and 15 from 10:45-11:00am in the Children's Center, and Sunday morning Nov. 22 in the Sanctuary from 8:50-9:10am (accompanied by the Handbell Choir). Parents, if your children are interested in participating, please text or email Chester Imhausen, 513-633-6411, cimhausen@gmail.com.



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