

Gathering & Welcoming God's Presence

Prelude

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GREETINGS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Adult Bible Studies -- Sundays @9:30am
2. Link article deadline is October 15, with publishing by November 1st.
3. Charge Conference 12/1 @4:00pm

OPENING PRAYER: We praise your abiding guidance, O God, for it is you alone who restores life and health to the suffering and to those who wander from the truth. By your grace, may we offer powerful and effective prayers for one another and the world. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 124

Leader: Vindicate me, Lord, for I have led a blameless life; I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered. Tested me, Lord, and try me, examine my heart and my mind.

People: For I have always been mindful of your unfailing love and have lived in reliance on your faithfulness. I do not sit with deceitful, nor do I associate with hypocrites.

Leader: I abhor the assembly of evildoers and refuse to sit with the wicked. I wash my hands in innocence, and go about your altar, Lord.

People: Proclaim aloud your praise and telling of all your wonderful deeds. Lord, I love the house where you live, the place where your glory dwells.

Leader: Do not take away my soul along with sinners, my life with those who are bloodthirsty, in whose hands are wicked schemes, whose right hands are full of bribes.

LUMC's Vision Statement:

"Show God's love by accepting, supporting, and serving all people." Matthew 25:35,36,40

All: I lead a blameless life; deliver me and be merciful to me. My feet stand on level ground; in the great congregation I will praise the Lord. Amen.

Hymn; All Hail The Power of Jesus Name UMH#155

TIME TO SHARE OUR JOY AND CONCERN

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Kalo

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

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 and ever. Amen.

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

UMH#95

OFFERTORY PRAYER

***HYMN; Precious Lord, Take My Hand UMH#474**

SCRIPTURE

Mark 10:2-16

Message: "Jesus Blesses the Children"

HOLY COMMUNION

***HYMN; Jesus Loves Me This I Know**

UMH#191

***BENEDICTION:** Go in peace, love and care for one another in Christ's name, Go in the confidence of people who have found mercy through him, keeping the commandments and letting go of all that binds you to the ways of this world, And may God come close to you and keep you safe; may Christ Jesus reward your faithfulness a hundredfold; and may the Holy Spirit be your help in time of need, both now and forevermore. Amen.

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SCRIPTURE READING Mark 10:2-16

²Some Pharisees came and tested him by asking, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" ³"What did Moses command you?" he replied. ⁴They said, "Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away."

⁵"It was because your hearts were hard that Moses wrote you this law," Jesus replied. ⁶"But at the beginning of creation God 'made them male and female.'⁷ ⁷'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife,⁸ ⁸and the two will become one flesh.'⁹ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

¹⁰When they were in the house again, the disciples asked Jesus about this. ¹¹He answered, "Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her.¹² And if she divorces her husband and marries another man, she commits adultery."

¹³People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

Reader: This is the Word of God **Congregation:** Thanks be to God



Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost October 6th, 2024

Sunday Worship 10:30 am

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