

February 2, 2025

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

Prelude

Call to Worship from *Psalm 71:1-6*

In you, O LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.

Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.

For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth.

From my birth I have leaned upon you, my protector since my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you.

Hymn *Come Sinners to the Gospel Feast* UMH #339

*Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Scripture *1 Corinthians 13:1-13*

¹If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. ⁴Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I

know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Gloria Patri *Glory Be to the Father* UMH #70

Children's Sermon

Sermon *Finding God in Doubt: Does God Exist?*

Rev. Wallace Johnson

We begin a new series today exploring doubt. Is it possible to find a deeper experience of faith when we allow our minds to drift into doubt?

The Liturgy of Holy Communion UMH #7

Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed*

Invitation

Confession and Pardon

Passing the Peace of Christ

Tithes and Offering

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow UMH #95

Choral Offering *Jesus at Your Holy Table*

The Chancel Choir

The Great Thanksgiving

Receiving the Bread and Cup

During communion, the congregation is invited to join the choir in singing *Let Us Break Bread Together*, UMH #618.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn *My Hope Is Built* UMH #368

Benediction

Come, Sinners to the Gospel Feast

1. Come, sinners, to the gospel feast; let every soul be Jesus' guest. Ye need not one be left behind, for God hath bid all humankind.

2. Sent by my Lord, on you I call; the invitation is to all. Come, all the world! Come, sinner, thou! All things in Christ are ready now.

3. Come, all ye souls by sin oppressed, ye restless wanderers after rest; ye poor, and maimed, and halt, and blind, in Christ a hearty welcome find.

4. My message as from God receive; ye all may come to Christ and live. O let his love your hearts constrain, nor suffer him to die in vain.

5. This is the time, no more delay! This is the Lord's accepted day. Come thou, this moment, at his call, and live for him who died for all.

Glory Be to the Father

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.

The Apostles' Creed

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.**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above ye heavenly hosts! Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Let Us Break Bread Together

1. Let us break bread together on our knees, let us break bread together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

2. Let us drink wine together on our knees, let us drink wine together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

3. Let us praise God together on our knees, let us praise God together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

My Hope Is Built

1. My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

(refrain)

On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

2. When Darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace. In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. (refrain)

3. His oath, his covenant, his blood supports me in the whelming flood. When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. (refrain)

4. When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found! Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne! (refrain)