

Congregation: Merciful God, We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Congregation: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

COMMUNION LITURGY & RECEIVING OF THE ELEMENTS

ANTHEM

HOLY GROUND

THE FAITH WE SING
WORDS & MUSIC BY GERON DAVIS

*HYMN OF INVITATION

FREELY, FREELY

UMH #389, v. 1 & 2
WORDS & MUSIC BY CARL OWENS

1. God forgave my sin in Jesus' name, I've been born again in Jesus' name, and in Jesus' name I come to you, to share his love as he told me to.

Refrain: He said, "Freely, freely you have received, freely, freely give. Go in my name, and because you believe, others will know that I live."

2. All power is given in Jesus' name, in earth and heaven in Jesus' name, and in Jesus' name I come to you, to share his power as he told me to. **[Refrain]**

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING FORTH

GO NOW IN PEACE

UMH #665
WORDS & MUSIC BY: NATALIE SLEETH

(Sung Only Once) Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the love of God surround you everywhere, everywhere you may go.

POSTLUDE

BLESSED BE THE NAME

WILLIAM H. CLARK

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“What Kind of Soil Are You?”

Matthew 13:1-9 & 18-23

August 2, 2026
Back to School Blessing
Worship Service with Communion
in the Sanctuary & Online
10:00 AM



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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PRELUDE
PRAISE HIM, PRAISE HIM
BY FANNY CROSBY

WELCOME HOME!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP**

THIS IS THE DAY

UMH #657

WORDS FROM PSALM 118:4

MUSIC BY LES GARRETT

1. This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made, that the Lord hath made. Let us rejoice, let us rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

ADDY ROBINSON

Leader: From the beginning, God entered into a covenant with the human family: with Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham and Sarah, Moses, Deborah, Ruth, and Jeremiah.

Congregation: Through baptism, Jesus Christ calls us into the covenant and makes us ministers of Christ's righteousness.

In our ministry of servanthood is this ultimate concern:

Congregation: That all may be renewed in the image of our Creator, and all Christians are called to minister in deeds and words that heal and free. Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

LOVE LIFTED ME

COKEBURY HYMNAL #233, v. 1 & 2

JAMES ROWE & HOWARD E. SMITH

1. I was sinking deep in sin, Far from the peaceful shore, Very deeply stained within, Sinking to rise no more; But the Master of the sea Heard my despairing cry, From the waters lifted me, Now safe am I.

Refrain: Love lifted me! Love lifted me! When nothing else could help, Love lifted me.

2. All my heart to Him I give, Ever to Him I'll cling, In His blessed presence live, Ever His praises sing. Love so mighty and so true Merits my soul's best songs;

Faithful, loving service, too, To Him belongs. [Refrain]

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

ADDY ROBINSON

Leader: Brother and Sisters in Christ, what do you believe?

Congregation: 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.

CHECK PRESENTATION TO THE METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME & BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING

SHARING OF OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER

O JESUS, I HAVE PROMISED

UMH # 396, V. 4

WORDS BY JOHN E. BODE

MUSIC BY ARTHUR H. MANN

4. O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be. And Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end; O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING PRAYER & RETURN OF GOD'S TITHES & GIFTS

***DOXOLOGY**

PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

#94

WORDS BY THOMAS KEN

MUSIC FROM *GEISTLICHE KIRCHENGESANGE*

ARR. BY RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS

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!

HYMN OF FAITH

WHISPERING HOPE

COKEBURY HYMNAL #245; v. 1 & 2

ARR. BY CLYDE WILLARD

1. Like the faint dawn of the morning, Like the sweet freshness of dew, Comes the dear whisper of Jesus, Comforting tender and true. Darkness gives way to the sunlight, While His voice falls on my ear; Seasons of heaven's refreshing, Call to new gladness and cheer.

Refrain: Whispering hope, like the song of the angels, Jesus, Thy love, is sweet music to me.

2. Singing the song of forgiveness, Softly I hear in my soul, Jesus has conquered forever Sin with its fearful control. Whispering courage for warfare, Bending Thine ear when I pray; Glorious, risen Redeemer, O how I praise Thee today! [Refrain]

SCRIPTURE READING

GARRETT OLDAKER

MATTHEW 13:1-9 & 18-23

SERMON

“WHAT KIND OF SOIL ARE YOU?”

REV. LARAINÉ WAUGHTAL

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & PARDON