

3. Souls in danger, look above, Jesus completely saves; He will lift you by His love Out of the angry waves. He's the Master of the sea, Billows His will obey; He your savior wants to be—Be saved today. [Refrain]

SCRIPTURE READING - JOHN SCHWARZE
MARK 4:26-34 & 2 CORINTHIANS 5:6-10

SERMON
“THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS LIKE...”
LOUIS MICHIELS

ANTHEM
WILL THE CIRCLE BE UNBROKEN
WORDS BY ADA R. HABERSHON/AMERICAN FOLK TUNE ARR. BY JCS

***HYMN OF INVITATION**

ARE YE ABLE
#530, UMH, v. 1 & 4
WORDS BY EARL MARLATT
MUSIC BY HARRY S. MASON
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1. "Are ye able," said the Master, "to be crucified with me?" "Yea," the sturdy dreamers answered, "to the death we follow thee."

Refrain: Lord, we are able. Our spirits are thine. Remold them, make us, like thee, divine. Thy guiding radiance above us shall be a beacon to God, to love, and loyalty.

4. Are ye able? Still the Master whispers down eternity, and heroic spirits answer, now as then in Galilee. [Refrain]

***BENEDICTION**

***SENDING FORTH**
BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS

#557, UMH v. 1 & 2
WORDS BY JOHN FAWCETT
MUSIC BY JOHANN G. NAGELI; ARR BY LOWELL MASON
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1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

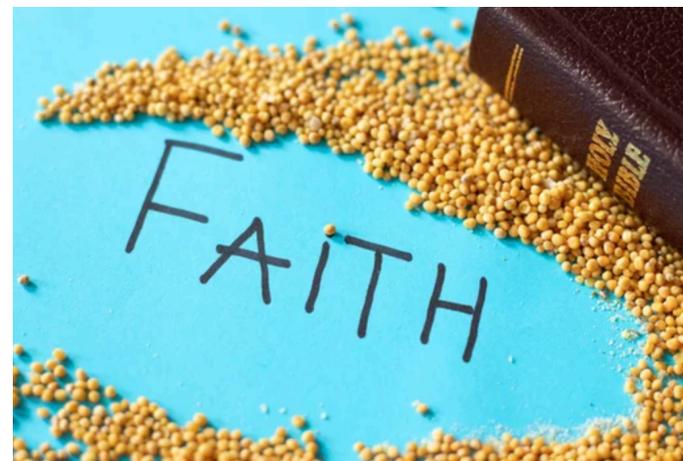
2. Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers; our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

POSTLUDE
STANDING ON THE PROMISES
R. KELSO CARTER



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

NURSERY IS PROVIDED (BIRTH - 4 YEARS OLD) IN THE EDUCATION BUILDING

PRELUDE
MY GOD IS REAL
KENNETH MORRIS

WELCOME HOME!
ANNOUNCEMENTS - CATHY SCOTT

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP
I GO TO THE ROCK
DOTTIE RAMBO

***CALL TO WORSHIP - DAVID HARDESTY**

Leader: In the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

Congregation: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to God's holy name!

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name for ever and ever.
Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and God's greatness is unsearchable.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**
THE CHURCH IN THE WILDWOOD
#121, COKESBURY
WORDS & MUSIC BY WM. S. PITTS
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1. There's a church in the valley by the wildwood, No lovelier spot in the dale; No place is so dear to my childhood As the little brown church in the vale.
Refrain: Come to the church in the wildwood, Oh, come to the church in the vale; No spot is so dear to my childhood As the little brown church in the vale.
2. Oh, come to the church in the wildwood, To the trees where the wild flowers bloom; Where the parting hymn will be chanted, We will weep by the side of the tomb. [Refrain]
3. How sweet on a clear Sabbath morning, To list to the clearing bell; Its tones so sweetly are calling, Oh, come to the church in the vale. [Refrain]
4. From the church in the valley by the wildwood, When day fades away into night, I would fain from this spot of my childhood Wing my way to the mansions of light. [Refrain]

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - DAVID HARDESTY**

Leader: This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

Congregation: Christ died for our sins, was buried, was raised on the third day, and appeared first to the women, then to Peter and the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One of God, the firstborn of all creation, the firstborn from the dead, in whom all things hold together, in whom the fullness of God was

pleased to dwell by the power of the Spirit. Christ is the head of the body, the church, and by the blood of the cross reconciles all things to God. Amen.

SHARING OF OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER
SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER

#496, UMH, v. 1 & 3
WORDS BY WILLIAM WALFORD
MUSIC BY WILLIAM B. BRADBURY
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1. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! that calls me from a world of care, and bids me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known. In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief, and oft escaped the tempter's snare by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!
3. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! thy wings shall my petition bear to him whose truth and faithfulness engage the waiting soul to bless. And since he bids me seek his face, believe his word, and trust his grace, I'll cast on him my every care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER
TED HAMMERSCHMIDT

OFFERING PRAYER & RETURN OF GOD'S TITHES & GIFTS - TED HAMMERSCHMIDT

***DOXOLOGY**
PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

#94
WORDS BY THOMAS KEN
MUSIC FROM *GEISTLICHE KIRCHENGESANGE*
ARR. BY RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS
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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!

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH
CHILDREN FROM KINDERGARTEN TO 5TH GRADE MAY GO WITH CATHY SCOTT TO THE CONFERENCE ROOM

HYMN OF FAITH
LOVE LIFTED ME

#233, COKESBURY
WORDS BY JAMES ROWE
MUSIC BY HOWARD E. SMITH
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1. I was sinking deep in sin, Far from the peaceful shore, Very deeply stained with-in, 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. 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]