

 **FLAME OF FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Sunday, November 3, 2024 † 10:30 a.m. Worship

Welcome

Opening Hymn	This is a Day of New Beginnings	UMH #383
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A Time of Prayer - Silent Prayer/Pastoral/Lord's Prayer**The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who are 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

Hymn of the Day	Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing	UMH #400
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Announcement

Scripture	John 11:32-42, Revelations 21:1-6a	Pastor Teresa Whetsel
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Message	The Home of God	Pastor Teresa Whetsel
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Song	Sing with All the Saints in Glory	UMH #702
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Holy Communion

Closing Hymn	Soon & Very Soon	UMH #706
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Benediction

1. This is a day of new beginnings,
time to remember and move on,
time to believe what love is bringing,
laying to rest the pain that's gone.
2. For by the life and death of Jesus,
God mighty Spirit, now as then,
can make for us a world of diff'rence,
as faith and hope are born again.
3. Then let us, with the Spirit's daring,
step from the past and leave behind
our disappointment, guilt, and grieving,
seeking new paths, and sure to find.
4. Christ is alive, and goes before us
To taste and share what love can do
This is the day of new beginnings
Our God is making all things new

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

UMH #400

1. Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart
to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of
loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming
tongues above.

Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy
redeeming love.

2. Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm
come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at
home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the
fold of God;

He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious
blood.

3. O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained
to be!

Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart
to thee.

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I
love;

here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts
above.

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John 11:32-42

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

Jesus Raises Lazarus to Life

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.'

Revelation 21:1-6a

The New Heaven and the New Earth

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

‘See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.’

And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’ Then he said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.’

Sing With All the Saints in Glory UMH #702

1. Sing with all the saints in glory, sing the resurrection song!

Death and sorrow, earth's dark story, to the former days belong.

All around the clouds are breaking, soon the storms of time shall cease;

in God's likeness we, awaking, know the everlasting peace.

2. O what glory, far exceeding all that eye has yet perceived!

Holiest hearts, for ages pleading, never that full joy conceived.

God has promised, Christ prepares it, there on high our welcome waits.

Every humble spirit shares it; Christ has passed the eternal gates.

3. Life eternal! heaven rejoices: Jesus lives, who once was dead.

Join we now the deathless voices; child of God, lift up
your head!

Patriarchs from the distant ages, saints all longing for
their heaven,
prophets, psalmists, seers, and sages, all await the
glory giv'n.

4. Life eternal! O what wonders crowd on faith; what joy
unknown,

when, amidst earth's closing thunders, saints shall
stand before the throne!

O to enter that bright portal, see that glowing
firmament;

know, with thee, O God Immortal, "Jesus Christ whom
thou has sent!"

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Holy Communion: The Great Thanksgiving for All Saints and Memorial Occasions

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. *The pastor may lift hands and keep them raised.*

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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty (almighty God),

Creator of heaven and earth:

God of Abraham and Sarah,

God of Miriam and Moses,

God of Joshua and Deborah,

God of Ruth and David,

God of the priests and the prophets,

God of Mary and Joseph,

God of the apostles and the martyrs,

God of our mothers and our fathers,

God of our children to all generations.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company

of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in
the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from
slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new
covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he
took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave
it to his disciples, and said:

"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new
covenant, poured out for you and for many for the
forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

Renew our communion with all your saints,
especially those whom we name before you—

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, strengthen us to run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfecter of our faith.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father (God), now and forever.

Amen.

Soon & Very Soon

UMH #706

Soon and very soon
We are going to see the King
Soon and very soon
We are going to see the King

Soon and very soon
We are going to see the King
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
We're going to see the king

No more crying there,
We are going to see the King
No more cryin there,
We are going to see the King
No more cryin there,
We are going to see the King
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
We're going to see the King