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#### UPDATES

Sunday, August 7, 2022 Holy Communion

Monday, August 8, 2022 Monday Methodists 9am Knitting Circle 10am Council Meeting 7pm

Wednesday, August 9, 2022
Walking Club 9am
Prayer 12noon
Pastor's Office Hours 2-4pm

**Thursday, August 10, 2022**Pastor's Office Hours 10am-12noon

Sunday, September 25, 2022
Home Coming Day after Worship
Service

#### GREETING

The Lord calls us today to be people of justice and mercy.

Our worship is hollow if it focuses only on our own gratification.

The Lord asks that our words of hope become actions of peace.

Thanks be to God who challenges and calls us.

Let our ministry together bring peace and justice.

Let our lives reflect God's love and mercy. AMEN.

#### PRAYER

Surprising God of mercy and love, thank you for calling to us this day. We praise you that you challenge us to show our faith in ministries of peace and justice, offering compassion to all in need. Open our hearts and minds today to hear your words of encouragement and challenge. We offer this prayer in Jesus' Name. AMEN.



UMH 128

Words: Joseph H. Gilmore, 1862. Music: William B. Bradbury, 1864.

Tune: HE LEADETH ME

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He leadeth me: O blessed thought!
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom, sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom, by waters still, o'er troubled sea, still 'tis his hand that leadeth me.

Lord, I would place my hand in thine, nor ever murmur nor repine; content, whatever lot I see, since 'tis my God that leadeth me.

And when my task on earth is done, when by thy grace the victory's won, e'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jordan leadeth me.

# +PASSING OF THE PEACE SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS PASTORAL PRAYER

#### LORD'S PRAYER

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. Amen.



#### UMH 512

Words: Charles Albert Tindley, ca. 1906.

Music: Charles Albert Tindley, ca. 1906; arr. by William Farley Smith, 1989.

Tune: STAND BY ME

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When the storms of life are raging, stand by me (stand by me); when the storms of life are raging, stand by me (stand by me). When the world is tossing me like a ship upon the sea, thou who rulest wind and water, Stand by me (stand by me).

In the midst of tribulation, stand by me (stand by me); in the midst of tribulation, stand by me (stand by me). When the host of hell assail, and my strength begins to fail, thou who never lost a battle, stand by me (stand by me).

In the midst of faults and failures, stand by me (stand by me); in the midst of faults and failures, stand by me (stand by me). When I do the best I can, and my friends misunderstand, thou who knowest all about me, stand by me (stand by me).

In the midst of persecution, stand by me (stand by me); in the midst of persecution, stand by me (stand by me). When my foes in battle array undertake to stop my way, thou who saved Paul and Silas, stand by me (stand by me).

When I'm growing old and feeble, stand by me (stand by me); when I'm growing old and feeble, stand by me (stand by me). When my life becomes a burden, and I'm nearing chilly Jordan, O thou Lily of the Valley, stand by me (stand by me).

#### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 15:1-6

<sup>1</sup> After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup> But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup> And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir."

### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 15:1-6

<sup>4</sup> But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup> He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup> And he believed the LORD, and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

<sup>1</sup> Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup> Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup> By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. 9 By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. 10 For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

<sup>11</sup> By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. 12 Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." 13 All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth,

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

<sup>14</sup> for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup> If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup> But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.



#### OFFERTORY "To God Be the Glory"

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#### DOXOLOGY

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

ALTAR CALL





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, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

... 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.

... 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.

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 God, now and forever. Amen.





UMH 710

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Music:Henri F. Hemy, 1864; adapt. By James G. Walton, 1874.

Tune: ST. CATHERINE

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Faith of our fathers, living still, in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword; O how our hearts beat high with joy whene'er we hear that glorious word!

Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our fathers, we will strive to win all nations unto thee; and through the truth that comes from God, we all shall then be truly free.

Faith of our fathers, holy faith! We will be true to thee till death. Faith of our fathers, we will love both friend and foe in all our strife; and preach thee, too, as love knows how by kindly words and virtuous life.

Faith of our fathers, holy faith! We will be true to thee till death.

#### +BENEDICTION

GOODBYE & GOD BLESS

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