



Order of Worship

April 25, 2021

Welcome

Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

Greeting

Molly Killian

We worship the God who inhabits our world and indwells our lives.
We need not look up to find God,
we need only look around:
within ourselves, beyond ourselves, into the eyes of another.
We need not listen for a distant thunder to find God,
we need only listen to the music of life,
the words of children,
the questions of the curious,
the rhythm of a heartbeat.
We worship the God who inhabits our world and who indwells our lives.

Opening Hymn

Way Maker

Praise Band

Opening Prayer

Molly Killian

Our God is an awesome God
who breathed into emptiness and created all that is.
With love and care, God shaped the world in all its diversity
with mountains and valleys, rivers and deserts, and people of all colors and sizes.
And threading through it all are beautiful dreams
of justice, compassion, liberation, and peace.

O God, creator of our past, our present, and our future,
we thank you for the many blessings you bestow on us each moment.
Be with us now. Draw near to us as we draw near to you.
Lead us in paths of righteousness.

Fill our hearts with compassion and a thirst for justice.
Teach us to be co-creators, with You, of a world
where all belong and share in the abundance you have given us.
Amen.

Scripture

Luke 4:14-21

Liana Cuffman

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

because he has anointed me

to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives

and recovery of sight to the blind,

to let the oppressed go free,

to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

Sermon

**The Bible Tells Me So:
The Spirit Is Upon Us**

Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

Personal Reflection

Jane Dixon

Sacrament of Baptism

Aiden Stuart

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

Do you, as Christ's body, the church,
reaffirm both your rejection of sin
and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include Aiden now before you in your care?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news
and live according to the example of Christ.**

**We will surround Aiden
with a community of love and forgiveness,
that he may grow in his service to others.**

**We will pray for him.
that he may be a true disciple
who walks in the way that leads to life.**

Let us join together in profession the Christian faith
as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe 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, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Thanksgiving Over the Water

Baptism

Now it is our joy to welcome our new brother in Christ.

Through baptism

you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit

into God's new creation

and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood.

We are all one in Christ Jesus.

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you

as a member of the family of Christ.

Baptismal Hymn

God Claims You

Aiden, Aiden, God claims you.

God helps you, protects you, and loves you too.

We this day do all agree, a child of God you'll always be.

Aiden, Aiden, God claims you.

God helps you, protects you, and loves you too.

Commendation and Welcome

Members of the household of God,

I commend Aiden to your love and care.

Do all in your power to increase his faith,

confirm his hope, and perfect him in love.

We give thanks for all that God has already given you

and we welcome you in Christian love.

As members together with you

in the body of Christ

and in this congregation

of The United Methodist Church,

we renew our covenant

faithfully to participate

in the ministries of the church

by our prayers, our presence,

our gifts, our service, and our witness,

that in everything God may be glorified

through Jesus Christ.

Offering Prayer

Phil London

God of Justice,
your giving is without bounds.
We thank you that you have given what we need,
so that all may be fed, clothed and housed.

Guard us from all selfishness
and inspire us to be instruments of love,
sharing all that you give us,
as a witness to your generosity and justice.

As followers of Christ,
lead us to act together in places of want:
where families are driven from their homes,
where the vulnerable suffer at the hands of the powerful,
where poverty and unemployment destroy lives.

Like you, let us give without bounds,
we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Special Music**Who'll Be a Witness?**

Sondra K. Tucker

Fran Underwood, handbell solo; Lisa Gibbs-Smith, piano

Prayer

Sally Gabler

Lord,
Your son, Jesus, taught us to pray and to never lose heart.
But frankly God there are times that wear us down and we feel fainthearted.
We feel weary and close to giving up.
There are times Lord we lose hope and give up.

It is times like these that we need to hold each other up in prayer.
It is times like these that we need to encourage each other.
It is times like these that we need to be there for one another.
It is times like these that we need to cry out to You for those in need.

But God, it is not just for those in need, it is also for justice that we cry out.
We plead for those who can not speak up for themselves.

We stand up for those whose rights have been violated.
We seek peace with justice for those who need both.
We pray for justice for those who are the weakest.

We thank you for your justice at work in this world.
We thank you for hearing our prayers and answering them.
We thank you for showing concern and protection.
We thank you for your mercy that you pour out with your justice.

As we pray that we may be found faithful in following your call to,
we speak the words that Jesus taught us:

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, the power, and the glory, forever,
Amen.

Hymn	Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service	UMH 581
Benediction		Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines
Postlude	Amazing Grace	arr. Dale Wood

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Prayer: Rev. Abi

Way Maker

Words and Music by
Osinachi Kalu Okoro Egbu

1. You are here, — mov-ing in — our — midst; I wor - ship You,

4 — I wor - ship You. — You are here, — work-ing in — this —

7 — place; I wor-ship You, — I wor-ship You. — You are here, — You are

11 Way Mak - er, Mir - a - cle Work - er, Prom - ise Keep - er, Light in the dark - ness,

13 — my God, that is who You are. You are are. You are here, — touch-ing ev - 'ry

17 heart; I wor - ship You, — I wor - ship — You. You are here,

20 — heal-ing ev - ery — heart; I wor - ship You, — I wor - ship You.

23 3. You are here — yeah, — I wor - ship — You Lord, — You are —

26 Way Mak - er, Mir - a - cle Work - er, Prom - is Keep - er, Light in the dark - ness,

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— my God, that is who You are. You are are. That is who You are, That is who You

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are. That is who You are. That is who You are. That is who You are.

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Way Mak - er, Mir - a - cle Work - er, Prom - ise Keep - er, Light in the dark - ness,

1, 3. 2.

— my God, that is who You are. You are are.

3 3 3 3

E-ven when I don't see it, You're work-ing E-ven when I don't feel it, You're work-ing.

1,2,3.

You nev-er stop, You nev-er stop work-ing. You nev-er stop, You nev-er stop work-ing.

4. D. S. al Coda

You nev - er stop, You nev - er stop work - ing.

581 Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

1. Lord, whose love through hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of
 2. Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry
 3. As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-
 4. Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear

hu-man need, who up-on the cross, for-sak-en,
 cry for bread; still the cap-tives long for free-dom;
 veal-ing light in its height and depth and great-ness
 name we go to the child, the youth, the a-ged,

of-fered mer-cy's per-fect deed: we, your ser-vants, bring the
 still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, your deep com-
 dawns up-on our quick-ened sight, mak-ing known the needs and
 love in liv-ing deeds to show; hope and health, good will and

wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart, con-se-crat-ing
 pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul, use the love your
 bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear, stir-ring us to
 com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give, that your ser-vants,

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff, aligned with the notes. The lyrics are: "to your pur - pose ev - ery gift that you im - part. Spir - it kin - dles still to save and make us whole. tire - less striv - ing your a - bun - dant life to share. Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know, and live."

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