

July 31, 2022
Eighth Sunday
after Pentecost

Fairmount Avenue
United Methodist Church



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*A welcoming, joyful community,
igniting hearts and minds for God's work.*

WELCOME




PRAYER OF INVITATION

UM Worship and Song No. 48:
From Ashanti of Ghana



O Lord, our God,
creator of our land,
our earth, the trees, the animals and humans,
all is for your honor.

***The drums beat it out, and people sing about it,
and they dance with noisy joy
that you are the Lord.***



You also have pulled the other continents out
of the sea.

What a wonderful world you have made out of
wet mud

and what beautiful people!

We thank you for all the beauty of this earth.



*The grace of your creation is like a cool day
between rainy seasons.*

We drink in your creation with our eyes.

We listen to the birds' jubilee with our ears.



How strong and good and sure your earth smells,
and everything that grows here.

We drink in your creation and cannot get enough
of it.

Bless our land and people.

Prepare us for the service we should render.

Amen.



“Blessed Assurance”


Hymn No. 369

WORDS: Fanny J. Crosby, 1873

MUSIC: Phoebe P. Knapp, 1873



***Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.***



***This is my story,
this is my song,
praising my Savior
all the day long;***

Refrain
words 2x



*Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.*



***This is my story,
this is my song,
praising my Savior
all the day long;***

Refrain
words 2x



*Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.*




***This is my story,
this is my song,
praising my Savior
all the day long;***

Refrain
words 2x



CHILDREN'S TIME

Children are invited to come forward as parents are comfortable. Please note that those who come forward may be visible on the livestream.



PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

UM Book of Worship No. 488:
Miriam Therese Winter, USA, 20th cent. alt.



We confess that the circle of love is repeatedly broken

because of our sin of exclusion.

We create separate circles: the inner circle and the outer circle,

the circle of power and the circle of despair,



the circle of privilege and the circle of deprivation.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive all who have sinned against us.



We confess that the circle of love is broken
whenever there is alienation, whenever
there is misunderstanding,
whenever there is insensitivity or a
hardening of the heart.

*Forgive us our sins, as we forgive all who
have sinned against us.*



We confess that the circle of love is broken
whenever we cannot see eye to eye,
whenever we cannot link hand to hand,
whenever we cannot live heart to heart and
affirm our differences.

***Forgive us our sins, as we forgive all who
have sinned against us.***



Through God's grace we are forgiven,
by the mercy of the Creator,
through the love of the Christ,
and in the power of the Spirit.

Let us rejoice and be glad!

Glory to God! Amen.



ANTHEM

Thank You

Verena Van Fleet



CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

We now offer petitions of joy and concern from prayer cards.

Lord in your mercy... *hear our prayer.*


In gratitude let us pray to the Lord... *hear our prayer.*

*Prayers lifted during this time are shared with our Prayer Chain,
a group of individuals who have covenanted to being in prayer
with and for our congregation.*



THE 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.*



“Let There be Light”

Hymn No. 440 vs 1-2,4,6

WORDS: Frances W. Davis

MUSIC: Robert J. B. Fleming, 1967

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*Let there be light,
let there be understanding,
let all nations gather,
let them be face to face.*



*Open our lips,
open our minds to ponder,
open the door of concord
opening into grace.*



*Hallow our love,
hallow the deaths of martyrs,
hallow their holy freedom,
hallowed be your name.*



*Let there be light,
open our hearts to wonder,
perish the way of terror,
hallow the world God made.*



SCRIPTURE READING


Psalm 107:1-3,33-43




¹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

² Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
those he redeemed from trouble


³ and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.




³³ He turns rivers into a desert,
springs of water into thirsty ground,
³⁴ a fruitful land into a salty waste,
because of the wickedness of its inhabitants.
³⁵ He turns a desert into pools of water,
a parched land into springs of water.



³⁶ And there he lets the hungry live,
and they establish a town to live in;
³⁷ they sow fields and plant vineyards
and get a fruitful yield.
³⁸ By his blessing they multiply greatly,
and he does not let their cattle decrease.




³⁹ When they are diminished and brought low
through oppression, trouble, and sorrow,
⁴⁰ he pours contempt on princes
and makes them wander in trackless wastes,
⁴¹ but he raises up the needy out of distress
and makes their families like flocks.



42 The upright see it and are glad,
and all wickedness stops its mouth.

43 Let those who are wise pay attention to
these things
and consider the steadfast love of the LORD.



SERMON

Sunday Reset



“Gather Us In”

TFWS Hymn No. 2236


WORDS and MUSIC: Marty Haugen (Matt. 5:13)
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*Here in this place new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away,
see in this space
our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you
in the light of this day.*



*Gather us in the lost and forsaken,
gather us in the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.*




*We are the young our lives are a myst'ry,
we are the old who yearn for your face,
we have been sung
throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light
to the whole human race.*




*Gather us in the rich and the haughty,
gather us in the proud and the strong;
give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.*




*Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call
your sons and your daughters,
call us anew
to be salt for the earth.*



*Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well,
and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy
and hearts that are true.*



*Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light-years away,
but here in this place
the new light is shining,
now is the Kingdom,
now is the day.*



*Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.*



BENEDICTION



POSTLUDE

Choral Song

S.S. Wesley



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