



BIRMINGHAM FIRST

A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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AUGUST 3, 2023

10:00 AM

Prelude *When In Our Music God is Glorified* Robert Hobby

Introit *Camp Songs*

***Hymn #57** *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* Charles Wesley
vs. 1-5, 7

***Call to Worship** Lexi Clark

Leader: At times, we've all felt like John Wesley, who seemed to fail at everything...

People: But God turned his failures into revival!

Leader: From storm-tossed ships to broken hearts...

People: God was working all along!

Leader: From locked church doors to open fields...

People: The world became his parish!

Leader: God of second chances, God of strange saints and broken hearts - we worship You!

People: Use our failures, our weirdness, and our willingness to change the world! Amen!

***Response #572** *Pass It On* Kurt Kaiser

**It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing.
That's how it is with God's love once you've experienced it:
You spread his love to everyone; you want to pass it on.**

Welcome & Announcements Grace Youn

Anthem	<i>Praise the Lord, Who Reigns Above</i> Covenant Choir	Jody Lindh text: Charles Wesley
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Speaker		Ally Geissbuhler
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Pastoral Prayer		Abby Pernick
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Speaker		Em Rito
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Anthem	<i>Covenant Prayer</i> Genesis Choir	arr. Allen Pote text: John Wesley
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Speaker		Samantha Cory
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Anthem	<i>We Are One</i> IXYOC Choir	Laura Farnell text: Charles Wesley
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Offering Invitation		Casey Proch
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Offertory	<i>Wesley Rides Again</i> Choir Camp Singers	Casey Proch and Doris Hall
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***Doxology #94**

**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!**

Prayer of Dedication

Scripture	Colossians 3:1-11	Grace Youn
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Homily	<i>Paradigm Shift</i>	Rev. Dr. Charles Boayue, Jr.
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Sacrament of Holy Communion		Pages 15-16, UMH
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The Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

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.

Breaking the Bread

Sharing the Cup

You are invited to come forward to receive communion. Please dip a piece of gluten-free bread into the cup, taking the bread and juice together. If you wish to receive communion and are unable to come forward, please alert an usher and you will be served in your pew.

***Hymn #2282 - Insert**

I'll Fly Away

Albert E. Brumley

***Benediction**

Postlude

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

arr. Fedak



The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of the 32nd Wedding Anniversary of Rose-Marie and Tom Venier on August 3.

The Mission Candle is given to the glory of God and in celebration of the 70th Wedding Anniversary of Jean and Ed McKeehan.



WESLEY RIDES AGAIN

Casey Proch & Doris Hall

He was born and raised in a preacher's shack
Mama read him scripture, Daddy cracked the strap.
Tried to do good, kept his nose in a book
But grace ain't something you learn like a cook!
Then a storm rolled in on the open sea
Winds went howling ... "Lord, don't take me!"
Then he saw some folks just a-smilin' away
Singing real sweet through the storm that day.

CHORUS

Now he's riding with the gospel fire
Burning hot, reaching higher.
A heart set free, a brand-new song
Saved by grace – been lost too long.
Found his way, his heart's on fire!
Wesley rides again, learnin' grace the hard way!
So, if you're weary, lost and broke,
Try some grace – it's a real good yoke.
Just call his name, your heart'll inspire
And Wesley rides again, Wesley rides again –
Learning grace the hard way.

They shipped him off to Savannah-town
With his rulebook thick and his righteous frown.
Met a sweet gal – thought they'd tie the knot,
But his fear of choosin' messed up the plot.
He had remedies for everything but love –
Puppies for stomach aches, onions thereof.
But when his heart broke no cure could be found.
Left town so fast without making a sound.

CHORUS

Back in foggy England – broke and blue –
No more remedies he could do.
But ol' George Winfield said, "Boy, don't pout!
God love ain't confined to your rulebook route."
He traded his list for an open road,
Preachin' grace beats a heavy load.
Folks said, "Dear John, you're actin' mighty strange!"
He said, "Now, friends, grace just made me change!"

It ain't be lists, no it ain't by might
But faith and grace will set you right.
And those cold baths? Well, he got one right –
Just took three hundred years to prove his sight!



I'll Fly Away

G G C

1. Some glad morn - ing when this life is o'er,
 2. When the shad - ows of this life have gone,
 3. Just a few more wea - ry days and then,

I'll fly a -

G G G

way;
 { to a home on God's ce - les - tial shore,
 like a bird from pris - on bars has flown,
 to a land where joys shall nev - er end,

G Em G D7 G C G *Refrain* G D G

I'll fly a - way. I'll fly a -

G G7 C G C G G C G

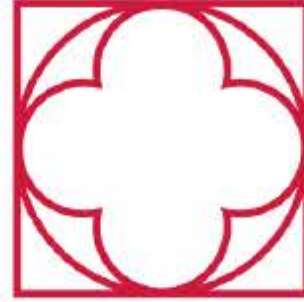
way, O glo - ry, I'll fly a - way. When I die, hal - le -

G G Em G D7 G C G

lu - jah, by and by, I'll fly a - way.

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

Embracing the example of Jesus, we welcome you here with hearts that know no boundaries of age, race, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, ability, or economic circumstance.



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