



Bethlehem

United Methodist Church

MAY 8, 2022

FESTIVAL OF THE CHRISTIAN HOME/MOTHER'S DAY

GATHERING AND PRAISE

OPENING PRAYER

Everloving God, who has so ordained life that we should work with each other, and honor and support one another; Grant that we may express our gratitude to women, especially our mothers. May we honor them as we recall their loyalty and love, their kindness and patience, their sacrifice and perseverance. May you so inspire us that we may fulfil their prayers for us, through Christ our Lord. Amen

HYMN

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” (UMH #89)

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers be-fore thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;
Love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN

CALL TO PRAYER

“His Name Is Wonderful” (UMH #174)

His name is wonderful, his name is wonderful, his name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord. He is the mighty King, Master of everything; His name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord. He's the great Shepherd, the Rock of all ages, almighty God is he; Bow down before him, love and adore him, his name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.

MORNING PRAYER

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.

THANKSGIVING for OFFERING, TITHES, AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

"Glorify Thy Name"

James Pethel/Stan Pethel

HEARING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

Acts 9:36-43 (CEB)

³⁶ In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas). Her life overflowed with good works and compassionate acts on behalf of those in need. ³⁷ About that time, though, she became so ill that she died. After they washed her body, they laid her in an upstairs room. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, when the disciples heard that Peter was there, they sent two people to Peter. They urged, "Please come right away!" ³⁹ Peter went with them. Upon his arrival, he was taken to the upstairs room. All the widows stood beside him, crying as they showed the tunics and other clothing Dorcas made when she was alive. ⁴⁰ Peter sent everyone out of the room, then knelt and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up!" She opened her eyes, saw Peter, and sat up. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and raised her up. Then he called God's holy people, including the widows, and presented her alive to them. ⁴² The news spread throughout Joppa, and many put their faith in the Lord. ⁴³ Peter stayed for some time in Joppa with a certain tanner named Simon.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"The Summons (TFWS #2130)"

SCRIPTURE

John 10:22-30 (CEB)

²² The time came for the Festival of Dedication in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was in the temple, walking in the covered porch named for Solomon. ²⁴ The Jewish opposition circled around him and asked, "How long will you test our patience? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." ²⁵ Jesus answered, "I have told you, but you don't believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify about me, ²⁶ but you don't believe because you don't belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep listen to my voice. I know them and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life. They will never die, and no one will snatch them from my hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them from my Father's hand. ³⁰ I and the Father are one."

SERMON

"One With Christ"

Rev. David Lord

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN

“The Gift of Love” (UMH #408)

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.

SENDING FORTH

BENEDICTION

CLOSING

“Shalom to You” (UMH #666)

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends.
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.