

Sunday August 11th, 2024

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE AND BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Hungering and thirsting, we come to the Lord.

P: Jesus is the living bread!

L: Feed us with your love and healing power, O Lord.

P: Give us the bread of hope and compassion that we may also feed others.

L: Praise be to you, O Lord, for your compassion for us.

P: Praise be to you, O Lord, for your steadfast love. AMEN.

(Ministry matters by Nancy C. Townley)

OPENING PRAYER

Lord, we come to you this day with so many things going on in our lives. Some of these things are wonderful and cause us to rejoice. However, there are far too many things that cause us fear and anxiety. Humbly we wait for your presence with us. We need your healing touch. Feed us with the bread of life, that we may hunger no more. Strengthen us to do your will, for it is in Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

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OPENING HYMNAL: My Jesus, I Love Thee UMH#172

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Apostle's Creed UMH # 881

JOYS AND PRAYER CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING by Joel Stein

OLD TESTAMENT: 1 Kings 19:4-8

NEW TESTAMENT: Ephesians 4:25-5:2

HYMNAL: Thy Word is a Lamp Unto my Feet UMH #601

SCRIPTURE LESSON: John 6:35, 41-51

***RESPONSE** Glory Be to the Father UMH # 70

MORNING MESSAGE: "The Bread of Life Revealed"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we want the easy way out! When things go wrong, we want to find who to blame for our misfortune. When we don't get what we want, we want to punish whoever prevents us from our goals and desires. We don't want to look at the ways in which we have perverted your love for us. We treat you as though you are a puppet who will dance to our demands. We act like spoiled children who want everything immediately, and who will become sullen and spiteful if we don't get what we ask for. We stopped listening to you. Systems of greed and injustice replaced your command to "love one another". And now we come to you, asking for forgiveness and healing. Our hearts and lives are empty without your love. Our spirits wither and die in this greedy wasteland. Give to us your life-sustaining bread. Heal our souls. Help us to truly worship you and to willingly work for healing and hope in this world. We ask these things in Jesus' Name, AMEN.

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OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY** UMH # 95

OFFERTORY DEDICATION PRAYER

HYMNAL: It Only Takes a Spark UMH#572

BENEDICTION