

Mission: To be a church where faith is fostered, community is cherished, and Christ's love thrives.

PRELUDE**GATHERING SONG****We Gather Together****UMH 131****WELCOME****Rev. Jan Phillips****HYMN*****Crown Him With Many Crowns****UMH 327**

1. Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne. Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own. Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.
2. Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave, and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save. His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high, who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
3. Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways from pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise. His reign shall know no end, and round his pierced feet fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.
4. Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side, those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified. All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me; thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

THE PEACE OF CHRIST***SCRIPTURE READING****Luke 21:7-19**

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to

death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

CONGREGATIONAL AND LORD’S PRAYER

Liturgist, Joanna Jebasingh

L: Lord in your mercy. **P: Hear our 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

CHILDREN’S TIME

Beth Posey

ANTHEM

Here I Am Lord

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 65:17-25

Rev. Jan Phillips

SERMON

The Best in the Worst

Rev. Steve Jones

CELEBRATING LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Jan Phillips

HYMN*

On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand

1. My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain: On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand: all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

2. When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace; in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. **Refrain.**

3. His oath, his covenant, his blood, support me in the whelming flood; when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. **Refrain.**

BENEDICTION*

SENDING FORTH*

Sent Out in Jesus’ Name

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Sent out in Jesus’ name, our hands are ready now to make the earth the place in which the kingdom comes. The angels cannot change a world of hurt and pain into a world of love, of justice and of peace. The task is ours to do, to set it really free. O help us to obey and carry out your will.

POSTLUDE

Rev. Dr. Steve Jones, Interim Senior Pastor

Beth Posey, Family Ministries Director

Evan Shively, Church Admin/Communications Director

Dennis Thorp, Organist

Rev. Jan Phillips, Associate Pastor/Interim Director of Music

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