SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH, 2022

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

PRELUDE

MUSICAL GATHERING

This is My Commandment

WELCOME

HYMN* Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

UMH 89

- 1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love; hearts unfold like flowers before 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!
- 2. 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.
- 3. Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, wellspring 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.
- 4. 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.

THE PEACE OF CHRIST*

CONGREGATIONAL AND LORD'S PRAYER

Scott Parson

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

SCRIPTURE READING Deuteronomy 6:1-9

"Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that the Lord your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, so that you and your children and your children may fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, has promised you. "Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them

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to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

CHILDREN'S TIME Pastor Jan Phillips

ANTHEM Give Me a Song Arr. Pepper Choplin

SCRIPTURE READING 1 John 3:18-22

Little children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us, for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God, and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

SERMON Glad You Asked: What's The Greatest Commandment Rev. Matthew Smith
WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBER
Chelsie Rimel

L: Members of the household of God, ... and perfect them in love.

P: We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you now in Christian love. As fellow members of the body of Christ, we will surround you with a community of love and forgiveness, that you may grow in your trust of God, and be found faithful in service to others. We pray for you, that you may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life. We also renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness that in everything, God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN* Jesu, Jesu Fill Us With Your Love

Refrain: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

UMH 432

- 1. Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet, Master who acts as a slave to them. **Refrain.**
- 2. Neighbors are rich and poor, neighbors are black and white, neighbors are near and far away. **Refrain.**
- 3. These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love; all these are neighbors to us and you. **Refrain.**

BENEDICTION*

MUSICAL RESPONSE* I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

POSTLUDE

Rev. Matthew Smith, Senior Pastor
Jason Strunk, Music Director
Evan Shively, Church Administrator\Communications Director
Beth Posey, Family Ministries Director

Rev. Jan Phillips, Associate Pastor
Dennis Thorp, Organist
Evan Shively, Church Administrator\Communications Director

Christy Harvey, Nursery Supervisor / Youth Assistant