

Sanctuary Worship: April 21, 2024

Call to Worship

Offertorio – Zipoli

Avalyn Buller, organ

Welcome

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***Hymn # 581**

“Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”

*** Litany – Give Us An Eye**

Wendi Neal

Leader: We ask God to give us an eye for injustice.

**All: For it is only when we are able to recognize injustice and feel its awful sting
that we will be moved to make things right.**

Leader: We ask God to give us a tender heart.

**All: Sometimes we are too hard-hearted to recognize
when we have been uncaring, unfeeling, or unkind.**

Leader: We ask God to give us the ability to view life from the dust.

**All our lives we have been taught to make others proud,
to be proud of ourselves, to hold our heads high --
all the while missing the virtues of being poor in spirit.**

Teach us dear Lord, to do justice, love kindness, and to walk humbly with you.

(adapted from Carolyn W. Dandridge, from the Africana Worship Book for Year A)

Bell Anthem

(8:30) “Ashokan Farewell” - Sandra Eithun
(11:00) “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” - arr. Matthew Compton

Carillon Ringers
Chancel Ringers

Congregational Prayer/The Lord’s Prayer

Wendi Neal

Children’s Message

**Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to Him belong; they are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

Kloe Young

*Children’s worship for grades K-5 will dismiss following the children’s message at the 11:00 service.
Parents, please pick your children up in the 3rd floor children’s area following the service.*

***Hymn # 593**

“Here I Am, Lord”

Call for the Offering

Wendi Neal

Anthem

(8:30) “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”
(11:00) “Peace I Leave With You” - Walter Pelz

Julia Wilson, soloist
Chancel Choir

***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!**

Sermon

Focus: What God Requires – “Dance, then, in sync with the music of God”
Micah 6:8 and 1 Peter 5: 5-9

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(8:30) Reaffirmation of Baptism

(11:00) Confirmation

2024 Confirmation Class

Knox Borden

Dylan Byrum

Wyatt Chapman

Madi Hawkins

Hailey Knoblauch

Isaac Miller

Lilly Straughn

Olivia Straughn

Evyn White

Affirmation #883

We are not alone, we live in God’s world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

to celebrate God’s presence,

to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Commendation and Welcome

With gratitude, joy, and love, we renew our covenant of loyal participation

together in this congregation of The United Methodist Church,

that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

***Hymn # 261**

“Lord of the Dance”, vs. 1,4,5

Sending Forth

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Benediction #261

“Lord of the Dance” (chorus)

**Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
And I’ll lead you all wherever you may be, and I’ll lead you all in the dance, said he.**

Postlude

Toccata on "Ode to Joy" - Paul Fey

Dr. Richard Zielinski, Director of Music Ministries
Dr. Stephen Wurst, Assoc. Director of Music Ministries
Austin Leeviraphan, Director of Student Ministries



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