

August 04, 2024

Please take a moment to sign our attendance register located in each pew.

(**Indicates, please stand as able)

Greeting/Life of the Church

Prelude Carol Stewart
"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" John Hughes/Rick Parks

**Call to Worship

We do not live by bread alone, but by the life-giving word of God's love.
God, give us the bread of life, today and always.

Too long have we lived with hunger, seeking to fill our appetites with food that leaves us wanting.

Too long we have starved ourselves of spiritual food that truly satisfies.

"I am the Bread of Life," Jesus tells us. "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry."

"Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Come, Holy Spirit. Feed us with your grace and love.

May we love our neighbors, ourselves, and you, so that we may never be hungry again. Amen.

**Opening Hymn "One Bread, One Body" (v. 1-3) UMH #620

Opening Prayer (unison)

Spirit of God, dwell among us and revive us. You know the deep hungers that motivate us, and the attempts we make to satisfy these hungers. You alone know the grace and peace that can nourish us to full strength, in body and soul. Feed us, Bread of Life, with food that lasts. Give enough to share with others who also hunger, even if they know not what they hunger for. We rejoice in your bread, for it truly satisfies. Give us the wisdom to receive it, that we may taste and see your goodness, O Lord. Amen.

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus" (v. 1,2) UMH #277

Prayers of the Faithful & 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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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.

Offering/Offertory

"New Life"

Carol Stewart
John W. Peterson

**Doxology

UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication

Generous God, you feed us well in body and in spirit. Your grace never runs short, but meets us in our need. Make us one with all your children, that these gifts and our good works may bring comfort to those who grieve, friendship to those who are lonely, and provision to those who are in need. This we pray, in your blessed name. Amen.

Ministry of Music "Ukrainian Flowers" Melody Kelley, vocal solo
Written by Melody Kelley in honor of Roger McMurrin and the Ukrainian Orphans

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 4:1-16

L: The Word of God for the People of God.

P: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Sermon

"New Life in Christ"

Pastor Jeff Bandy

Sacrament of Baptism/Welcoming New Members

UMH #33-39

Baptisms: John Thomas Fielding Pitcock, Austin Thomas Pitcock
New Members: Austin Thomas Pitcock, Robert Schalle, Amy Schalle,
Lucy Parsons, Kimberly Nelson, Peggy Lindsey

Sacrament of Holy Communion

UMH #12-15

**Closing Hymn

"Baptized in Water"

(see insert) TFWS#2248

**Sending Forth

Postlude

"The Family of God"

Carol Stewart
William J. Gaither



*The Altar Flowers are given by John & Elaine Grayson
in honor of their 58th Wedding Anniversary.*

Scripture Reading – Ephesians 4:1-16 (NIV)

Unity and Maturity in the Body of Christ

⁴ As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. ² Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. ³ Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

⁷ But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. ⁸ This is why it says:

“When he ascended on high,
he took many captives
and gave gifts to his people.”

⁹ (What does “he ascended” mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? ¹⁰ He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) ¹¹ So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

¹⁴ Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. ¹⁵ Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. ¹⁶ From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.



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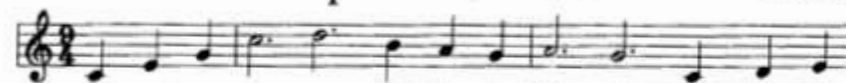
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Organist	Carol Stewart

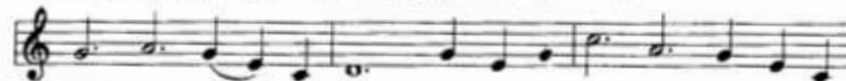


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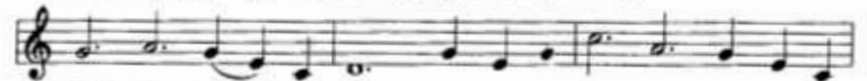
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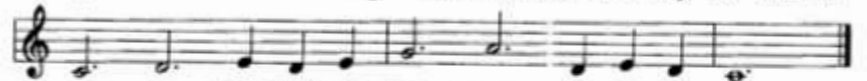
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