

*The *asterisk is an invitation to rise in body and/or spirit.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Logan Hines

PREPARATIONPrelude *Heroic Piece*, by Cesar Franck Janet Guetle

Opening Prayer–All Uniting Liturgist: Rev. Dale Sutton

Almighty God, we acknowledge that cleaning up our external habits is never enough to save us. We pray against the dangers of a hollow spiritual life. Do not let this gathering be a mere routine of sweeping the floors of our hearts while leaving the home unoccupied. We invite your Holy Spirit to rush into every empty space of our lives today. Fill us with your truth, saturate us with your grace, and protect us by your presence. In Jesus' name, Amen.

*Gathering Hymn *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty* UM Hymnal 64***CALL TO WORSHIP (congregation: please refer to the bold text)**

L: Church, we gather today to worship the God who is faithful in every season.

C: We come to praise the One who is at work in both the big moments and the small ones.

L: When the journey feels long and the task feels overwhelming, God reminds us not to despise small beginnings.

C: For the Lord delights in faithful hearts and steady steps of obedience.

L: We serve a God who takes simple acts of faith and uses them for His glory.

C: We come ready to listen, to learn, and to follow wherever He leads.

L: Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of our faith.

C: And let us worship the Lord with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength.

All: Let us worship God!

Invitation to Children Logan Hines

Children's Song-congregation *Where Children Belong*

Lyrics:

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

Children's Message followed by junior church dismissal Jody Kruki

INTO THE WORD

Zechariah 4:10 Lay Reader: Emily Toms

*Matthew 12:43–45

*Response to the Word *Gloria Patri* UM Hymnal 71Message *Eat The Frog* Logan Hines**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

Prayer Hymn

God Is So Good

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Morning Prayer

Lord's Prayer–UM Hymnal 895

Invitation and Dedication for the Giving of Our Lives, Tithes, Gifts, and Offerings:
Worshipping God with giving of our money reveals our hearts desire. We give sacrificially, generously, and continuously as a way of ascribing value to who God is in our lives.



Offertory

Safe Within Your Arms
arr. by Mark Hayes

Janet Guetle, soloist

*Doxology *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* **UM Hymnal 94**

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn of Parting

Fairest Lord Jesus

UM Hymnal 189

*Benediction

Postlude *Postlude on "Lancashire"*, arr. by Jason D. Payne Janet Guetle**Worship Participants:****Live Stream:**

Patsy Hommon & Sarah Hayes

Sound:

Carol Moore

Ushers:

Kelly & Marcia Brown, Lee Rhoades, Emily Toms

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HARD ENOUGH, AND
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