



FIRSTCHURCH

UNITED METHODIST

Order of Worship
September 29, 2024

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Stewardship Moment

Paul Huck—Finance Chair

Call to Worship

Psalm 19: 7-14

UMH 751(responsively)

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple;

the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;

the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes;

the fear of the Lord is clean enduring forever;

the ordinances of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;

sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

But who can understand one's own errors? Clear me from hidden faults.

Also keep your servant from the insolent; let them not have dominion over me!

Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Hymn

"This Is My Song"

UMH 437

Verse 1 This is my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for lands afar and mine.

This is my home, the country where my heart is; here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

Verse 2 My country's skies are bluer than the ocean, and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine; but
other lands have sunlight too, and clover, and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.

O hear my song, thou God of all the nations, a song of peace for their land and for mine.

Verse 3 This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms: Thy kingdom come; on earth Thy will be done.

Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve Him, and hearts united learn to live as one.

O hear my prayer, Thou God of all nations; myself I give thee; let thy will be done.

Children's Moment

Anthem (10:30)

“My Shepherd Knows”
Chancel Choir
Dr. Woodrow Hodges, director
Margaret Lucke, piano

John Purifoy

Scripture

James 5:13-20

8:00 Kathy Holster 10:30 Shirley Edwards

The Prayer of Faith

13 Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise.

14 Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. **15** The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up, and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. **16** Therefore confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. **17** Elijah was a human like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. **18** Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth yielded its harvest.

19 My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth[a] and is brought back by another, **20** you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner’s[b] soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Message

“Why Do We Pray?”

Ruth Damery Walls

Prayers of the People

Silent Prayer

Morning Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Offering

Doxology (UMH 95)/Prayer of Dedication

Hymn

“It’s Me, It’s Me, O Lord”

UMH 352

Refrain:

It’s me, it’s me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer.

It’s me, it’s me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer.

1 Not my brother, not my sister, but it’s me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer.

Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer. [Refrain]

2 Not the preacher, not the deacon, but it's me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer.

Not the preacher, not the deacon, but it's me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer. [Refrain]

3 Not my father, not my mother, but it's me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer.

Not my father, not my mother, but it's me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer. [Refrain]

Benediction

Breakthrough Prayer

Postlude