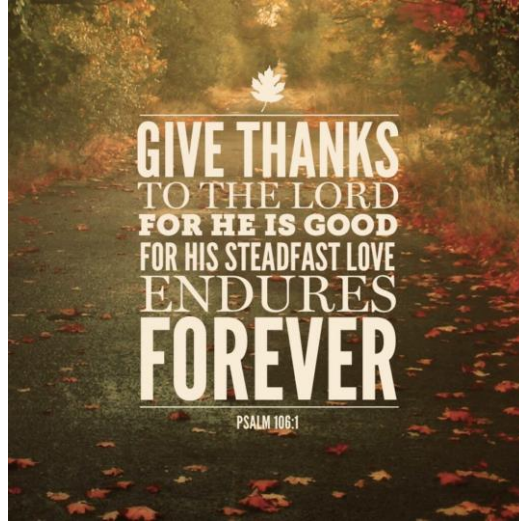


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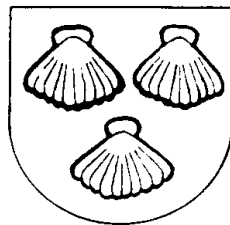
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**“Who are You - Committed or Forgetful?”**

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## WE GATHER

**Prelude** "Holy Manna (Brethren, We Have Met to Worship)" Sam Batt Owens

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**Welcome**

**Rev. Patricia Abell**

**Introit**

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

**Handbell Choir**

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**Call to Worship**

**Jim Quindlen**

Rejoice in God always. Again I say, Rejoice!

**Take heart; the Lord is near.**

Make it known among the people: God reigns.

**Proclaim it from the rooftops.**

Let gentleness and mirth be your guide.

**Rejoice in God always. Again we say, Rejoice!**

**Opening Prayer (Psalm 106, Philippians 4)**

**Holy God, we come before you this day with praise on our lips and songs of joy in our hearts. When we abide in your kingdom and live according to your ways, good triumphs over evil, love is stronger than hate, and truth wins the day. Focus our hearts and minds on things that are worthy of praise, and bless us with a peace that passes all understanding. Amen.**

**Prayer of Yearning (Psalm 106, Philippians 4)**

**We seek your goodness, O God, for we search our hearts and find them wanting. We seek your joy, source of mirth and laughter, for our limbs are weary and our hearts are heavy. Set our minds on things that are excellent, admirable, and worthy of praise. Shine the light of your love far and wide, that the world might strive after things that are just, righteous, and true. Amen.**

**Words of Assurance (Philippians 4) People: Thanks be to God!**

**Passing the Peace**

**\*Opening Hymn**

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

**UMH 160**

1. Rejoice ye pure in heart

Rejoice give thanks and sing

Your festal banner wave on high

The cross of Christ your King

Rejoice rejoice

Rejoice give thanks and sing

2. Your clear hosannas raise

And alleluias loud

Whilst answering echoes upward float

Like wreaths of incense cloud

Rejoice rejoice

Rejoice give thanks and sing

3. Yes on through life's long path

Still chanting as ye go

From youth to age by night and day

In gladness and in woe

Rejoice rejoice

Rejoice give thanks and sing

4. At last the march shall end

The wearied ones shall rest

The pilgrims find their heavenly home

Jerusalem the blest

Rejoice rejoice

Rejoice give thanks and sing

\*Please stand as able

5. Praise God who reigns on high  
The Lord whom we adore  
The Father Son and Holy Ghost  
One God forevermore  
Rejoice rejoice rejoice give thanks and sing

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**Children's Moment**

**Donna Benson**

**Scripture**

**Psalm 106: 1-6, 19-23 (UMH 829)  
Matthew 22: 1-14 (CEB)**

**Jim Quindlen**

**Anthem**

**"Come, Now Is the Time to Worship"**

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**Handbell Choir**

**Message**

**"Who Are You - Committed or Forgetful?"**

**Rev. Patricia Abell**

**Prayer of the People, Church & World**

**Jim Quindlen**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Offering**

**Offertory**

**"Be Thou My Vision"**

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**Handbell Choir**

**\*Doxology**

**"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"**

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

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**UMH 94**

**Offering Prayer**

**\*Closing Hymn**

**"Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"**

**UMH 427**

1. Where cross the crowded ways of life  
Where sound the cries of race and clan  
Above the noise of selfish strife  
We hear Your voice O Son of Man

2. In haunts of wretchedness and need  
On shadowed thresholds dark with fears  
From paths where hide the lures of greed  
We catch the vision of your tears

\*Please stand as able

3. From tender childhood's helplessness  
From woman's grief man's burdened toil  
From famished souls from sorrow's stress  
Thy heart has never known recoil

4. The cup of water given for you  
Still holds the freshness of your grace  
Yet long these multitudes to view  
The sweet compassion of your face

5. O Master from the mountainside  
Make haste to heal these hearts of pain  
Among these restless throngs abide  
And tread the city's streets again

6. Till all the world shall learn your love  
And follow where your feet have trod  
Till glorious from your heaven above  
Shall come the city of our God

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## Benediction

**Postlude** “Morning Song (Awake, Awake to Love and Work)” Sam Batt Owens *Offered by Clarice Snyder*

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### ***Food for Thought***

***Exodus 32:1–14; Psalm 106; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1–14***

Where has your trust in God wavered or broken down? What would it take for that trust to be restored? When have you experienced the peace of God, which passes understanding?

### ***Household Prayer: MORNING***

Holy God, you are light, and in you there is no darkness at all. Shift my focus today from whatever is false to that which is true; from whatever is vulgar to that which is honorable; from whatever is corrupt to that which is just; from whatever is inauthentic to that which is pure; from whatever is detestable to that which is pleasing; from whatever is insignificant to that which is commendable; that I may live in the light. Through Christ Jesus I pray. Amen.

### ***Household Prayer: EVENING***

God, your love is steadfast and enduring. May your peace, which surpasses all understanding, hem me in, behind and before, as I lie down to rest. Amen.

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