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Rev. Dr. Michelle Morris, Lead Pastor

Rev. Andrea Cummings, Associate Pastor

Mr. Ken Weatherford, Director of Contemporary Music & Worship

Dr. T. Ray Wheeler, Director of Traditional Music & Worship

Mr. Matt Nelson, Collaborative Accompanist

Prelude

Mr. Matt Nelson

Welcome to Worship

Rev. Andrea Cummings

Call to Worship

Rev. Andrea Cummings

Praise Hymn

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

No. 548 UMH

In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north;
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord
close binding humankind.

In Christ is neither Jew nor Greek,
and neither slave nor free;
both male and female heirs are made,
and all are kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west,
in him meet south and north;
all Christly souls are one in him
throughout the whole wide earth.

Praise Hymn

“God of Justice”

By Tim Hughes, Arr. by Mr. Matt Nelson

Mr. Ken Weatherford

Chancel Choir & Gathering Band

God of Justice Savior to all
Came to rescue the weak and the poor
Chose to serve and not be served

Jesus You have called us
Freely we've received
Now freely we will give

We must go
Live to feed the hungry
Stand beside the broken
We must go
Stepping forward
Keep us from just singing
Move us into action
We must go

To act justly every day
Loving mercy in every way
Walking humbly before You God

You have shown us what You require
Freely we've received
Now freely we will give

Fill us up and send us out
Fill us up and send us out
Fill us up and send us out Lord

Opening Prayer

Rev. Andrea Cummings

Scripture Lesson

James 2:1-17

Rev. Dr. Michelle Morris

My brothers and sisters, when you show favoritism you deny the faithfulness of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has been resurrected in glory. ² Imagine two people coming into your meeting. One has a gold ring and fine clothes, while the other is poor, dressed in filthy rags. ³ Then suppose that you were to take special notice of the one wearing fine clothes, saying, "Here's an excellent place. Sit here." But to the poor person you say, "Stand over there"; or, "Here, sit at my feet." ⁴ Wouldn't you have shown favoritism among yourselves and become evil-minded judges?

⁵ My dear brothers and sisters, listen! Hasn't God chosen those who are poor by worldly standards to be rich in terms of faith? Hasn't God chosen the poor as heirs of the kingdom he has promised to those who love him? ⁶ But you have dishonored the poor. Don't the wealthy make life difficult for you? Aren't they the ones who drag you into court? ⁷ Aren't they the ones who insult the good name spoken over you at your baptism?

⁸ You do well when you really fulfill the royal law found in scripture, Love your neighbor as yourself.^[a] ⁹ But when you show favoritism, you are committing a sin, and by that same law you are exposed as a lawbreaker. ¹⁰ Anyone who tries to keep all of the Law but fails at one point is

guilty of failing to keep all of it. ¹¹ The one who said, Don't commit adultery, also said, Don't commit murder.^[b] So if you don't commit adultery but do commit murder, you are a lawbreaker. ¹² In every way, then, speak and act as people who will be judged by the law of freedom. ¹³ There will be no mercy in judgment for anyone who hasn't shown mercy. Mercy overrules judgment.

¹⁴ My brothers and sisters, what good is it if people say they have faith but do nothing to show it? Claiming to have faith can't save anyone, can it? ¹⁵ Imagine a brother or sister who is naked and never has enough food to eat. ¹⁶ What if one of you said, "Go in peace! Stay warm! Have a nice meal!"? What good is it if you don't actually give them what their body needs? ¹⁷ In the same way, faith is dead when it doesn't result in faithful activity.

(Common English Bible)

Sermon

"Faith & Works"

Rev. Dr. Michelle Morris

Affirmation of Faith

**Rev. Andréá Cummings
No. 881 UMH**

*I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;*

*And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;*
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

Offertory Moment

Rev. Andréá Cummings

Offertory

"Difference Maker"
By Nathaniel Rinehart and William Rinehart

Mr. Ken Weatherford
The Band & The Chancel Choir

Doxology

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Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Andréá Cummings

Anthem

“For Everyone Born”
Arr. by Tom Trenney

Chancel Choir
T. Ray Wheeler, Director
Gloria Echevarria, Cello

Interlude

Mr. Matt Nelson

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Rev. Andréá Cummings
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**Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

All pray in silence.

Leader to people:

Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People to leader:

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.**

Holy Communion

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass 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.**

Taking the Bread and Cup

Rev. Andrea Cummings

Closing Hymn

“We Give You Thanks”

By David Leonard, Jason Ingram and Leslie Jordan

Mr. Ken Weatherford
The Band & Chancel Choir

We bless You Creator Provider we bless You
We bless You Redeemer oh Jesus we bless You
By the means of grace and the hope of glory

And Almighty God Father of mercies
We give You thanks
For all Your goodness for how You love us
We give You we give You thanks
(We give You thanks)

We praise You Creator Provider we praise You
We praise You Redeemer oh Jesus we praise You
By the means of grace and the hope of glory

All honor and glory forever
From now till the end of the age

Almighty God Father of mercies
We give You thanks
For all Your goodness for how You love us
We give You we give You

We give You we give You
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Benediction

Rev. Dr. Michelle Morris

Postlude

Mr. Matt Nelson