

# FUMC | Downtown Bentonville

Traditional Worship 16 January 2022

Rev. Dr. Michelle Morris, Lead Pastor

Rev. Andrea Cummings, Associate Pastor

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

Ms. Martha Cox, Collaborative Accompanist

## *MLK Sunday*

*Prelude*

*Ms. Martha Cox*

**Gathering Hymn**

**Lift Every Voice and Sing**

**No. 519 UMH**

*Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,  
ring with the harmonies of liberty;  
let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies,  
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;  
facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
let us march on till victory is won.*

*Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,  
felt in the days when hope unborn had died;  
yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet  
come to the place for which our fathers sighed?  
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;  
we have come, treading our path thru the blood of the slaughtered,  
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last  
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.*

*God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;  
thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,  
keep us forever in the path, we pray.  
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;  
lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;  
shadowed beneath thy hand, may we forever stand,  
true to our God, true to our native land.*

Welcome to Worship

Rev. Andrea Cummings

## Call to Worship

Rev. Andréá Cummings

One: Who is this who enters the doors of our temple, who overturns the tables, strews silver and gold on the floor?

**All: It is Jesus of Galilee, the Son of God, who comes to cleanse the great temple, to restore its subverted chambers to a house of hallowed prayer.**

One: Then let us open the doors of our hearts wide, so he can cast out the thieves who would take what is sacred and tender and turn it hard as coins in a fist.

**All: May the temple within us be a refuge where doves of peace roost in the rafters.**

One: May it be a garden that bears the fruits of a generous spirit.

**All: Oh Lord, take what is corrupt and withered in us and let it break forth in beauty.**

## Opening Prayer

Rev. Andréá Cummings

**O God, your weakness is mightier than human strength, your foolishness is wiser than human wisdom. We rejoice that you are with us today. Open our hearts and discipline our will. Teach us to follow your perfect ways. Test us with your righteous decrees. As with a whip, drive us from unholy living, and turn us toward your holy light. Through your Son, Jesus Christ, comfort and redeem us with your holy gospel. AMEN.**

## Gloria Patri

No. 70 UMH

## Psalter

Psalm 36: 5-10

No. 771 UMH

## Hymn of Praise

“I Will Trust in the Lord”

No. 464 UMH

I will trust in the Lord,  
I will trust in the Lord,  
I will trust in the Lord,  
till I die.

I will trust in the Lord,  
I will trust in the Lord,  
I will trust in the Lord,  
till I die.

Sister, will you trust in the Lord,  
Sister, will you trust in the Lord,  
Sister, will you trust in the Lord,  
till you die.

Brother, will you trust in the Lord,  
Brother, will you trust in the Lord,  
Brother, will you trust in the Lord,  
till you die.

Preacher, will you trust in the Lord,  
Preacher, will you trust in the Lord,  
Preacher, will you trust in the Lord,  
till you die.

Scripture Lesson

John 2:13-19

Rev. Dr. Michelle Morris

*It was nearly time for the Jewish Passover, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple those who were selling cattle, sheep, and doves, as well as those involved in exchanging currency sitting there. He made a whip from ropes and chased them all out of the temple, including the cattle and the sheep. He scattered the coins and overturned the tables of those who exchanged currency. He said to the dove sellers, "Get these things out of here! Don't make my Father's house a place of business." His disciples remembered that it is written, Passion for your house consumes me.*

*Then the Jewish leaders asked him, "By what authority are you doing these things? What miraculous sign will you show us?"*

*Jesus answered, "Destroy this temple and in three days I'll raise it up."*

*The Jewish leaders replied, "It took forty-six years to build this temple, and you will raise it up in three days?" But the temple Jesus was talking about was his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered what he had said, and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.*

*While Jesus was in Jerusalem for the Passover Festival, many believed in his name because they saw the miraculous signs that he did. But Jesus didn't trust himself to them because he knew all people. He didn't need anyone to tell him about human nature, for he knew what human nature was.*

*(Common English Bible)*

Sermon

"Fully Human: Flipping Over and Out"

Rev. Dr. Michelle Morris

**Affirmation of Faith**

**Confirmation Class 2022**

***We believe in God, which includes Jesus and the Holy Spirit.***

***God is our creator. God forgives us of our sin. God's love is unconditional and loves us no matter what!***

***We believe in Jesus Christ, who is the son of God. God gave His son for us. Jesus Christ will guide our actions.***

***We believe in the Holy Spirit, who is inside each of us, guides our actions, and always works through us.***

*We believe the church is an open community that accepts everyone. As God is present with us, we are present with each other. Staying with God helps us to serve our community, respect others, be at church, give offerings, and invite others alongside us.*

*God gave us free will to do, say, and feel how we choose. We should care for the earth, include, and love all people, and advocate for peace. Amen.*

Offertory Moment

Rev. Andreá Cummings

Offertory

“Christ Has Broken Down the Wall”

The Chancel Choir

Words & Music by Mark A. Miller

**Doxology**

**No. 94 UMH**

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Andreá Cummings

Anthem

"Precious Lord Take My Hand

By Thomas A. Dorsey  
Arr. by Roy Ringwald

Chancel Choir

Dr. T. Ray Wheeler, Director

**INVITATION/CONFESSION AND PARDON**

**Rev. Andreá 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.**

## THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

Rev. **Andréa Cummings**  
Sung Responses  
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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. Andreaé Cummings**

**Closing Hymn**

**“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”**

**No. 402 UMH**

*Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart;*

*Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.*

*In my heart, in my heart,*

*Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.*

*Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart;*

*Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.*

*In my heart, in my heart,*

*Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.*

*Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart;*

*Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.*

*In my heart, in my heart,*

*Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.*

*Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart;*

*Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.*

*In my heart, in my heart,*

*Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.*

**Benediction**

**Rev. Dr. Michelle Morris**

**Choral Benediction**

**Chancel Choir**

**Postlude**

**Ms. Martha Cox**