

Court Street UMC

Sunday, May 14th 10:45 a.m.

Loving Deeply



GATHERING

Gathering Song

3119 Take O Take Me As I Am

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**Take, O take me as I am ;
Summon out what I shall be;
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

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The Welcome

*The Opening Hymn

#362 Nothing but The Blood Of Jesus

WORDS: Robert Lowry MUSIC: Robert Lowry

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What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

O precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know;
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my pardon this I see:
Nothing but blood of Jesus.
For my cleansing this my plea:
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

O precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know;
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Nothing can for sin atone:
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Naught of good that I have done:
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

O precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know;
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace:
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
This is all my righteousness:
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

O precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know;
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Blessing of our individual Creation:

Let us pray:

Loving God, in your wisdom you have created us and given us many gifts. Today, we thank you for all that we mean to each other and to our friends and families. We thank you for the love that has brought us to this time and place, and for your love which abides to tie us all together. Where you are, O God, there is love. Amen.

Blessing of our relationships

Let us pray:

God, your strength is sufficient for us all. We have committed ourselves one to the other in your presence, so we pray that you will continue to be with us in the unfolding of our future. Give us strength and courage in times of difficulty, wisdom and love in times of opportunity and challenge, and the sharing of joy in times of happiness and success. May we continue to grow in your love; through the power of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Blessing of our friends and families of choice:

Let us Pray:

God of friends and families, we are linked together in a community of friendship and support. We pray for one another. We remember those who cannot be with us today. May we all continue to share in your gifts of love, strength, courage and wisdom, and to know your joy. Give us growing understanding, sympathy with each other's difficulties, patience with each other's faults, and grace to walk in your ways. Amen.

Blessing for Families with Children

Let us pray:

Loving God: We come today carrying children and youth in our hearts – the children we brought into this world, the children we parent, our grandchildren, nieces, nephews, Godchildren, mentees, the children we care for in our work, and the children we speak out for in our witness. Lord, help us not to be so preoccupied with our purposes that we fail to hear their voices or see their special vision of truth. Keep us with them, ready to listen and to love even as you have loved us, your grown-up and sometimes wayward children. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

And now, with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray:

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, Forgive us our trespasses

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Song of Faith

*The Gloria Patri. Page 70 UMH

WORDS: Charles Meineke MUSIC: Charles Meineke

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**Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

The Reading of Acts 17:22-31

The Psalter #790

Sung response # at R

R O people, be glad and sing for joy! Declare God's glory in every land!
O people, be glad and sing for joy! Declare God's glory in every land!

*Bless our God, O peoples,
Let the sound of God's praise be heard.
Who has kept us among the living,
And has not let our feet slip.*

**For you, O God, have tested us;
You have tried us as silver is tried.**

*You brought us into the net;
You laid afflictions on our loins;
You let people ride over our heads;
We went through fire and through water;
Yet you have brought us forth to a spacious place*

R O people, be glad and sing for joy! Declare God's glory in every land!
O people, be glad and sing for joy! Declare God's glory in every land!

*I will come into your house with burnt offerings;
 I will pay you my vows,
 That which my lips uttered
 And my mouth promised when I was in trouble.
 I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatlings,
 With the smoke of the sacrifice of rams;
 I will make an offering of bulls and goats.*

R O people, be glad and sing for joy! Declare God's glory in every land!
O people, be glad and sing for joy! Declare God's glory in every land!

*Come and hear, all you who worship God,
 And I will tell what God has done for me.
 I cried aloud to God,
 Who was highly praised with my tongue.*

*If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,
 The Lord would not have listened.
 But truly God has listened,
 And has given heed to the voice of my prayer.
 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer
 Or removed His steadfast from me.*

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O people, be glad and sing for joy! Declare God's glory in every land!

The Reading of the Epistle 1 Peter 1:17-23

*The Hymn of Response

#370 Victory In Jesus

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**I heard an old, old story,
 How a Savior came from glory.
 How he gave his life on Calvary
 To save a wretch like me;
 I heard about his groaning,
 Of his precious blood's atoning.
 Then I repented of my sins
 And won the victory.**

O Victory in Jesus,

My Savior forever!
 He sought me and bought me
 With his redeeming blood;
 He loved me e'er I knew him
 And all my love is due him;
 He plunged me to victory
 Beneath the cleansing flood.

I heard about his healing,
 Of his cleansing power revealing,
 How he made the lame to walk again
 And caused the blind to see;
 And then I cried, "Dear Jesus,
 Come and heal my broken spirit,"
 And somehow Jesus came
 And brought to me the victory.
 O Victory in Jesus,
 My Savior forever!
 He sought me and bought me
 With his redeeming blood;
 He loved me e'er I knew him
 And all my love is due him;
 He plunged me to victory
 Beneath the cleansing flood.

I heard about a mansion
 He has built for me in glory,
 And I heard about the streets of gold
 Beyond the crystal sea;
 About the angels singing
 And the old redemption story,
 And some sweet day, I'll sing up there
 The song of victory.

O Victory in Jesus,
 My Savior forever!
 He sought me and bought me
 With his redeeming lovr;
 He loved me e'er I knew him
 And all my love is due him;
 He plunged me to victory
 Beneath the cleansing flood.

***The Gospel Lesson John 14:15-21**

This is the word of God for you who are the people of God!

Thanks Be to God.

The Anthem

3104 Amazing Grace My Chains Are Gone

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*Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.*

*'Twas grace that taught to fear;
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.*

*My chains are gone,
I've been set free.
My God, my savior, has ransomed me.
And like a flood his mercy reigns,
Unending love, amazing Grace*

*The Lord has promised good to me;
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.*

*My chains are gone,
I've been set free.
My God, my savior, has ransomed me.
And like a flood his mercy reigns,
Unending love, amazing Grace*

*The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine.
But God who called me here below,
Will be forever mine,*

Will be forever mine.

You are forever mine.

The Message: “Loving Deeply”

*The Hymn

#445 Happy The Home When God Is There

WORDS: Henry Ware, Jr. (1846) MUSIC: John B. Dykes (1866)

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Happy the home when God is there,
And love fills every breast;
When one their wish.
And one their prayer,
And one their heavenly rest.

Happy the home where Jesus' name
Is sweet to every ear;
Where children early speak his fame,
And parents hold him dear.

Happy the home where prayer is heard,
And praise is wont to rise;
Where parents love the sacred Word
And all its wisdom prize.

Lord, let us in our homes agree
This blessed peace to gain;
Unite our hearts in love to thee,
And love to all will reign.

The Generosity Story

The Offertory Prayer

The Doxology #95

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, And Holy Ghost. Amen

The Apostles Creed #881

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 Pilot,
 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.

The Closing Hymn

#92 For The Beauty Of The Earth

WORDS: Folliot S. Pierpoint (1864) MUSIC: Conrad Kocher (1838) & W. H. Monk (1861)

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For the beauty of the earth,
 For the glory of the skies,
 For the love which from our birth
 Over and around us lies;
 Lord of all, to thee we raise
 This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour
 Of the day and of the night,
 Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
 Sun and moon, and stars of light;
 Lord of all, to thee we raise
 This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye,
 For the heart and mind's delight

For the mystic harmony
 Linking sense to sound and light;
 Lord of all, to thee we raise
 This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love,
 Brother, sister, parent, child,
 Friends on earth and friends above
 For all gentle thoughts and mild;
 Lord of all, to thee we raise
 This our hymn of grateful praise.

For thy church that evermore
 Lifteth holy hands above,
 Offering up on every shore
 Her pure sacrifice of Love;
 Lord of all, to thee we raise
 This our hymn of grateful praise.

For thyself, best Gift Divine,
 To the world so freely given,
 For that great, great love of thine,
 Peace on earth and joy in heaven:
 Lord of all, to thee we raise
 This our hymn of grateful praise.

***The Benediction**

The Postlude

#700 Abide with Me (Arr., Jim West)

WORDS: Henry F. Lyte (1847)

MUSIC: W. H. Monk (1861)

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