



Where is God when...

January 22, 2023 ♦ 10:30 a.m. ♦ Third Sunday after Epiphany

WELCOME TO UNIVERSITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*At **University UMC**, our mission is to live into radical kinship through loving God, serving others and building Christian community. We pray all will find encouragement and spiritual nourishment here as we praise God together this morning.*



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Building Christian Community*

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GATHERING

Words of Welcome

Please sign our [online attendance pad](#) and visit the [announcements page](#) for more information about upcoming events! If you are unfamiliar with accessing our announcements online, please call the church office to get connected.

Prelude

“Prelude in Bb Major”

Johann Sebastian Bach

*Call to Worship

Responsively

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God. It is God that made us, and we belong to God;

We are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and the courts with praise.

Give thanks to God, bless God's name.

For the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever,

And God's faithfulness to all generations.

*Hymn 103

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,

in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,

most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,

almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,

nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;

thy justice like mountains high soaring above

thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;

in all life thou livest, the true life of all;

we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,

and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;

thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;

all laud we would render: O help us to see

'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

*Opening Prayer

In Unison

Loving God, we pray that you will comfort us in our times of suffering.

Lend wisdom and skill to those you call along side us to be part of our

healing journey. Give us such confidence in the power of your grace, that

even when we are afraid, we may put our whole trust in you. In Jesus'

name, we pray. Amen.

Anthem

“Bound for the Kingdom”

from The Sacred Harp

Chancel Choir

arr. by Stephen Andrews

PROCLAMATION

Prayer for Illumination

In Unison

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 22:1-11

(OT, p. 679)

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Where Is God When I’m Suffering?” The Rev. Justin Coleman

RESPONSE

*Hymn 512, st. 1-4

“Stand By Me”

When the storms of life are raging, stand by me;
when the storms of life are raging, stand by me;
When the world is tossing me, like a ship upon the sea,
thou who rulest wind and water, stand by me.

In the midst of tribulation, stand by me;
in the midst of tribulation, stand by me;
When the host of hell assail, and my strength begins to fail,
thou who never lost a battle, stand by me.

In the midst of faults and failures, stand by me;
in the midst of faults and failures, stand by me;
When I’ve done the best I can, and my friends misunderstand,
thou who knowest all about me, stand by me.

In the midst of persecution, stand by me;
in the midst of persecution, stand by me;
When my foes in war array undertake to stop my way,
thou who saved Paul and Silas, stand by me.

Sacrament of Baptism

Hans George Kernodle

Parents: Zoey and George Kernodle

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

Responsively

...Do you, as Christ’s body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include Hans now before you in your care?

With God’s help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ.

We will surround Hans with a community of love and forgiveness, that he may grow in his trust of God, and be found faithful in his service to others.

We will pray for him, that he may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe 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, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

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.

Thanksgiving Over the Water

Responsively

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray.

... Their children you brought through the Jordan to the land which you promised.

Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of God's mercy each day.

... to make disciples of all nations.

Declare his works to the nations, his glory among all the people.

... with Christ, they may share in his final victory.

All praise to you, Eternal Father, through your Son Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever. Amen.

Baptism with Laying on of Hands

Responsively

... Now it is our joy to welcome our new brother in Christ.

Through baptism, you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood.

We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as a member of the family of Christ.

Sung Response

"Jesus Loves Me"

Hymn 191

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Prayers of the People

Responsively

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray . . .

The congregation responds to each petition, "Hear our prayer."

The Lord's Prayer

In Unison

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.

Presentation of Our Gifts and God's Tithes

Responsively

God is Good. **All the time.**

And all the time. **God is Good.**

Generosity Moment: *You may designate your offering via mobile phone by texting "UniversityUMC" to 833-245-5259 and choosing the General Fund or specific missions, or through UniversityUMC.church.*

Offertory

"Alleluia" from Cantata 51
Soloist ~ Katie Kinkade

J. S. Bach

*Doxology, Hymnal, p. 95

**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.**

SENDING FORTH

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

If you wish to become a follower of Jesus Christ, a member of University United Methodist Church, or would like for someone to pray with you, we invite you to come forward during the closing hymn and meet the clergy in front of the chancel rail.

*Hymn 405

"Seek Ye First"

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!**

**Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find;
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!**

*Benediction

*Postlude

"Fugue in Bb Major"

J. S. Bach

**Please stand if you are able.*

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Generosity Moment..... Michael Saunders

FLOWERS

The Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ruth Barnes by her family.