

***Postlude**

**=We invite you to please stand, as you are able.*

Order of Worship

February 5, 2017

8:30 a.m. Traditional Service

Communion Sunday

SERMON NOTES

To move forward I must let go of:

- 1) _____
Psalm 55:2; Psalm 2517; Matthew 6:27
"Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you"-Psalm 55:22
"Don't worry about anything, but"-Philippians 4:6-7
- 2) _____
"...my heart is wounded within me"-Psalm 109:22
"I am feeble and utterly crushed, I groan in anguish of heart."
Psalm 38:8
 - a) acknowledge _____
 - b) realize _____
 - c) See _____
 - d) Based it on _____

"Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." Ephesians 4:31-32
- 3) _____
 - a) Don't try to _____
 - b) The path to _____
 - i) Claim _____
I John 1:8-10
 - ii) Seek _____
"Wise men and women are always learning..."
Proverbs 18:15
 - iii) Pass it _____
"I'll wipe the slate clean for each of them. I'll forget they ever sinned" -Jeremiah 31:34

■ **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Larry Edwards
Larry Helms

■ **MAY WE PRAY WITH YOU?**

Stephen Ministers are available to encourage and pray with you.
Look for a person wearing a blue Stephen Minister name badge.

WE COME TOGETHER AS THE FAMILY OF CHRIST

Welcome & Greeting

Rev. Michael Burkett

***Opening Chorus**

Curt Timmons

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name (vs. 1)

UMH 79

Holy God, we praise thy name; Lord of all, we bow before thee; all on earth thy scepter claim; all in heaven above adore thee. Infinite thy vast domain; everlasting is thy reign.

***We Proclaim Our Mission**

Linda Blue

Leader: Who are we?

All: People of God, learning to follow Jesus, inviting others to join the journey.

***Opening Unison Prayer**

God, save us by the power of your Spirit from those things that would hold us back from serving you. Let the fire of your word consume our sins and its brightness illumine our hearts. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

***Opening Hymn**

Love Devine, All Loves Excelling

UMH 384

(Congregation seated)

WE LISTEN FOR AND RECEIVE GOD'S WORD TO US

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 12:1-2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Anthem

Chancel Choir

The Wonder of Grace —Joseph Martin

Come to the table. Come to the Savior, all who hunger and thirst for new life. Come to the banquet, all who are burdened. Come rejoice in the bread and the wine. Everyone come! God's feast has begun. This is the time, the place, a season of praise. The table is spread. The meal is prepared. Come taste the wonder of grace. Come to the table, for all are welcome, all those who are weary and worn. Come gather closer, all who are lonely. Come rejoice in the love of the Lord. Everyone come the feast has begun. This is the time, the place, a season of praise. The table is spread. The meal is prepared. Come taste the wonder of Grace. Come and remember the life he gave. Come to his wounded side. Run to the Savior's found embrace. His arms are open wide! Everyone come! The feast has begun. This is the time, the place, a season of praise. The table is spread. The meal is prepared. Come taste the wonder of grace. Come taste the wonder of grace. Come know the wonder of grace.

(The choir may disperse as needed)

Sermon Series Prayer

God, you have made me free to choose. Help me make wise choices this year. When doubts and uncertainties arise, give me the grace to ask you what you would have me to do. Save me from false and bad choices. Settle my heart and mind so I can listen to and follow you. Amen.

The Message

What's Holding You Back?

Rev. Michael Burkett

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GOODNESS WITH JOY

***Hymn**

Take Up Thy Cross

UMH 415

Our Life Together

Please register your attendance in the registration card provided and place it in the offering plate.

Dedication of Tithes and Offering

Offertory

Jesus, Joy of Man's Desiring

Logan Walker

***Doxology**

UMH 95

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

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Confession and Pardon

UMH 8

The Great Thanksgiving

UMH 9

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.

Breaking of the Bread & The Communion of the People

All are welcome to receive the Lord's Supper. If you choose, you may kneel in prayer after you receive. You do not have to be a member of this church or any church to take communion. Children are welcome.

You may also leave an offering on the altar for the Good Shepherd Fund, to help meet human needs in our local community.

SENDING FORTH

***Closing Hymn**

The Old Rugged Cross

UMH 504

***Responsive Benediction**

Leader: The Lord bless you this week, guide you to fully love and follow him, and bring you to everlasting life.

People: **Amen.**

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

***Benediction Chorus**

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name (vs. 3)

UMH 79

Lo! The apostolic train joins thy sacred name to hallow; prophets swell the glad refrain, and the white robed martyrs follow. And from morn to set of sun, through the church the song goes on.