

***Postlude**

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

Order of Worship

May 14, 2017

11:00 a.m. *Generations Service*

WE COME TOGETHER AS THE FAMILY OF CHRIST

Welcome & Greeting

Rev. Michael Burkett

***Opening Chorus**

Curt Timmons

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above (vs. 1) **UMH 126**

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation, the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation. With healing balm my soul is filled and every faithless murmur stilled: To God all praise and glory.

***We Proclaim Our Mission**

Max Kelton

Leader: Who are we?

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

***Opening Unison Prayer**

Leader: For our mothers, who have given us life and love, that we may honor them and show them love,

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For mothers who have lost a child through death, that their faith may give them hope, and their family and friends support and console them.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For women, though without children of their own, who like mothers have nurtured and cared for us,

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For mothers, who have been unable to be a source of strength, who have not responded to their children and have not sustained their families,

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

ALL: Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless these women. Grant that we may honor them. We ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Opening Hymn**

Come, Thou Almighty King

UMH 61

(Congregation seated)

■ **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Martha Piper on the loss of her mother.

Lisa Whitesell in Deaconess Hospital with 2 broken legs.

■ **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 LISTEN FOR AND RECEIVE GOD'S WORD TO US

Scripture Reading.

John 16: 5-14

But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts.

Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Anthem

Chancel Choir

The Lord Bless You and Keep You
Peter Lutkin / arr. Larry Shackley

The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord lift His countenance upon you,
And give you peace, and give you peace,
The Lord make His face to shine upon you,
And be gracious unto you, be gracious,
The Lord be gracious, gracious unto you.

Amen

(The choir may disperse as needed)

The Message

"The Presence of Jesus Now"

Rev. Michael Burkett

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GOODNESS WITH JOY

Special Music

Shepherd's Peace
by Sandra Eithun

Handbells Choir

*Hymn

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

UMH 175

A Time for Children

Sharyl Pickens

Our Life Together

Rev. Dr. Charlotte Teel

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

Pastoral Prayer

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.

Dedication of Tithes and Offering

Offertory

Prayer

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.

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

UMH 127

*Responsive Benediction

Pastor: The blessing of the one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you this day and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*Benediction Chorus

UMH 126

Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above (vs. 4)

Let all who name Christ's holy name give God all praise and glory; let all who own his power proclaim aloud the wondrous story!. Cast each false idol from its throne, for Christ is Lord and Christ alone: To God all praise and Glory.