

November 22, 2020, 10:30am

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Rev. Tonya Arnesen,
Senior Pastor

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Deacon Greg Lawton

Prelude

"Prelude on 'Dix'"
(Douglas Wagner)

Carillon Ringers
Corey Noble, Organ

***Call to Worship**

Claudia Taylor

One: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon the earth.

All: Let all the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

One: The earth has brought forth its increase; may God, our own God, bless us.

All: Let all the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

***Hymn**

"Come! Glory in His Name"

(Sung to the hymn-tune of "Crown Him with Many Crowns")

Belle Canto,
Genesis,
Journeymen,
Carillon Ringers,
Piano & Organ

*Sing praise to Him, now sing; His wonderful acts proclaim.
Rejoice, all you who seek the Lord; come glory in His Name!*

*Give thanks to God; upon His name now call.
Make known among the people of earth what He has done for all.
Ascribe unto the Lord the glory due His Name.
The splendor of His holiness now worship and proclaim!*

*Sing to the Lord, all earth; His saving pow'r proclaim.
Declare His glory to the world, His wonderful deeds proclaim.
For great is God, the Lord, most worthy of all praise;
He made the heavens and the earth, fear Him and give Him praise!*

*Let now the heav'ns rejoice; let earth give glad refrain.
The world established shall not move, for God in heaven reigns!
Now let the sea resound, be jubilant all fields;
The forest tree will sing for joy; earth's judge is now revealed.*

*Give thanks to God, the Lord, remember all His deeds.
His judgements are in all the earth, He is the lord indeed!
Sing praise to Him now sing. His glory now proclaim.
Rejoice, all you who seek the Lord, come, glory in His name!*

***Unison Prayer**

Claudia Taylor

O God, for all the blessings we enjoy, we give you thanks. Help us look at the world around us in such a way that we see your hands in creation and in those we meet. Help us be a blessing today to those we meet at home, at school, at work and in our community this coming week.

First Lesson

Philippians 4:4-9

Deacon Greg Lawton

Sermon on the Steps

Deacon Greg Lawton

Anthem

**“He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”
with “ This is My Father’s World”
(arr. Joel Raney)**

Belle Canto, Genesis,
Journeymen,
Carillon Ringers,
Piano & Organ

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Arnesen

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.

Anthem

**“How Great Thou Art”
(arr. Patricia Cota)**

Carillon Ringers

Second Lesson

Psalm 142

Rev. Arnesen

The Sermon

Rev. Arnesen

“Clenched Fists and a Thankful Heart”

Invitation to the Offering

Rev. Arnesen

***Prayer of Dedication**

Rev. Arnesen

Hymn

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Hymnal No. 102

*Now thank we all our God, with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*

*O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us still in grace, and guide us when perplexed;
and free us from all ills, in this world and the next.*

*All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given;
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven;
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now and shall be evermore.*

*Benediction

Rev. Arnesen

Taking the Light of Christ into the World

One: We take the light of Christ into the world.

All: Let it shine brightly in our hearts.

Postlude

(Please see **The Music Box**)

“Look to the Day”
(arr. Mary McDonald)

Genesis, Belle Canto,
Journeymen,
Audie Heydenburg, Piano

*You are invited to stand if you are able.

Flowers on the Chancel:

In loving memory of brother & son, Karl Nicholas Brandner, given by the Brandner and DuBois Families

The Music Box: We are ever thankful to God for the glory of His creation. The music presented today reflects the wonders that are found in creation. Our Choral postlude, “Look to the Day” presented by our choirs invites us to “look to the day when the world is new again. This anthem is very fitting for the challenging world that we are now living in.

*“Lord, we give thanks for the gifts of life and health; Plant a new seed in our hearts, we pray.
Help us to see O Lord, how it could be O Lord, Look to the Day!”*

Thank you to Audie Heydenburg, Corey Noble and all ringers and singers for their music for this Thanksgiving Celebration.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Housekeeper/Custodian needed: First UMC of Jackson has an immediate opening for a qualified, detail-oriented person who will keep our church home clean and tidy. 20-30 hours per week. Competitive wages. The detailed Job Description is on our website. If you, or someone you know, is interested in applying, please call the Church Office, or send Rev. Tonya an email to let her know of your interest.

Angel Tree for Children's Christmas Gifts

First UMC is participating with the Jackson County Health and Human Services Department this Christmas on the Angel Tree project. The hope is to provide gifts and nurturing support for 50 children, many of whom are in the foster care system. The office will have Angel tags with a child's name, age, gender, and gift suggestions. When you call or email the office to participate, a child will be assigned to you, based partly on your preferences. If you have already noted your interest, you will be contacted. Wrapped gifts are to be labeled and returned to the church by Monday, December 7 for delivery to the child. A collection box will be in the Welcome Center.

Please limit your giving to a maximum of three gifts per child with a maximum total value of approximately \$50.00. This will help ensure that children from the same family receive similar numbers and types of gifts. If you cannot shop for a child, we are also collecting donations toward this project. Checks can be mailed to the church as identified for the Angel Tree.

If you have any questions, you can contact Deacon Greg in the office, Marian Peplinski with the UMW, or Jean Ross with our Wellness Team.