

September 25, 2022

Opening Hymn

Welcome in This Place

Let's walk together for a while and ask where we begin
to build a world where love can grow and hope can enter in
to be the hands of healing and to plant the seeds of peace.

Let's talk together of a time when we will share a feast,
Where pride and power kneel to serve the lonely and the least
And will set the table as we join our hands to pray,

C: Singing welcome, welcome to this place.
You're invited to come and know God's grace.
All are welcome the love of God to share
'cause all of us are welcome here; all are welcome in this place.

Let's dream together of the day
when earth and heaven are one,
A city built of love and light, the new Jerusalem,
Where our mourning turns to dancing,
ev'ry creature lifts its voice!

Prayer

Song

Just A Closer Walk/Joyful, Joyful

I am weak but Thou art strong
Jesus keep me from all wrong
I'll be satisfied as long
As I walk let me walk close to Thee

Through this world of toil and snares
If I falter Lord who cares
Who with me my burden shares
None but Thee dear Lord none but Thee

Just a closer walk with thee
Grant it Jesus is my plea
Daily walking close to Thee
Let it be dear Lord let it be

When my feeble life is o'er
Time for me will be no more
Guide me gently safely o'er
To Thy kingdom shore to Thy shore

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day!

2. All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.

3. Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

4. Mortals, join the mighty chorus
which the morning stars began;
love divine is reigning o'er us,
binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward,
in the triumph song of life.

Welcome/ Announcements

Song

Stand By Me

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

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

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

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.**

Wesleyan Choir

If We Ever Needed the Lord Before

Word & Sermon

Pastor Chris

The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Song

Amazing Grace

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.

3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.

4. The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be,
as long as life endures.

The Great Thanksgiving

Communion

One Bread, One Body

Affirming our Faith

Song

Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance Jesus is mine
O what a foretaste of glory divine
Heir of salvation purchase of God
Born of His Spirit washed in His blood

Perfect submission perfect delight
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy whispers of love

This is my story this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long

Perfect submission all is at rest
I in my Savior am happy and blest
Watching and waiting looking above
Filled with His goodness lost in His love

Benediction + Sending

Please pray and care for the following:

Those unable to join us on a regular basis: Jim Wilcox, Ginny Davidson.

Robert Gibbons and health issues.

Randy Fizer, Charlotte Kerns' cousin, awaiting a heart transplant.

Karl, Tracy Alexander's father.

Cindy Garcia Ruiz, a ninth grade student who participated in Homework and Reading Club, undergoing intensive cancer treatment.

The Barss family.

The family of Jessica Ann Bennett, who passed away after a short fight with cancer. Jessica and her husband, Les, have been close friends of Mike Keller for many years.

Audrey Howard, continuing health issues.

Charles Grayston's family, on his passing. He was a volunteer for many years with the Homework and Reading Program at Eastport.

Jerry Christofel's cousin Kevin recently passed away. Keep the Christofel family in your prayers.

Charlotte Kerns' cousin, François Girard, with health concerns.

Announcements:

Masks are now optional in the Sanctuary. Please continue to mask and social distance based on your personal comfort level. In the event of a change of recommendations from the city, state, or federal government, or a COVID-19 spike in our area we may revert back to temporary masking. Thank you for your willingness to protect our community over the past 16 months. - The Administrative Council of Eastport UMC

We invite you to contribute financially to the mission of the church by placing your gift in the offering box near the exit, or in the offering plates near the front during communion. You can also give online at eastportumc.org/give.

If you would like to be included in **email updates** from the church, please contact office@eastportumc.org and notify Rose of your interest.

All are welcome to join in **Holy Communion**, simply come toward the front when you are invited to receive the bread and cup. There

are waste baskets near the front pew for the disposable communion cups. We offer gluten-free bread each week so all may participate.

If you are interested in having your picture added to the church directory please email a photo to Rose in the office at office@eastportumc.org.

You are invited to join in Conversations in Faith on Sunday morning at 9:15 before the worship service. This is our version of “Sunday School” in which we discuss scripture of the day. The group is open to all and facilitated by Michael Keller.

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