



THE *faithfulness* OF THE LORD

**First United Methodist Church
Andover**

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PRELUDE

Holy Manna, Moore, arr. Martin

WELCOME

* HYMN OF PRAISE

Christ for the World We Sing 568

1. Christ for the world we sing, the world to
2. Christ for the world we sing, the world to
3. Christ for the world we sing, the world to
4. Christ for the world we sing, the world to

Christ we bring, with lov - ing zeal; the poor, and
Christ we bring, with fer - vent prayer; the way - ward
Christ we bring, with one ac - cord; with us the
Christ we bring, with joy - ful song; the new - born

them that mourn, the faint and o - ver - borne,
and the lost, by rest - less pas - sions tossed,
work to share, with us re - proach to dare,
souls, whose days, re - claimed from er - ror's ways,

sin - sick and sor - row - worn, whom Christ doth heal.
re - deemed at count - less cost, from dark de - spair.
with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.
in - spired with hope and praise, to Christ be - long.

WORDS: Samuel Wolcott, 1869
MUSIC: Felice de Giardini, 1769

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* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Praise the LORD! Happy are those who fear the LORD, who greatly delight in his commandments.

People: Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Leader: Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.

People: They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

* OPENING PRAYER

God of Light, in your commandments we find life, and in your wisdom is true happiness. Inspire us to live generously and to act justly, so that our lives may reflect your love and righteousness, and your name may be praised, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed, Ecumenical Version

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

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* GLORIA PATRI

MEINEKE

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.**

OFFERTORY

His Strength Is Perfect, Chapman

*There are several ways you can give. You can give 1) online at AndoverLex.org,
2) by texting ACG to 84321, 3) in the box in the back of the sanctuary, or
4) by mail to the church office at 200 W. High Street, Lexington, KY 40507.*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

¹Shout loudly; don't hold back; raise your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their crime, to the house of Jacob their sins.

²They seek me day after day, desiring knowledge of my ways like a nation that acted righteously, that didn't abandon their God. They ask me for righteous judgments, wanting to be close to God.

³"Why do we fast and you don't see; why afflict ourselves and you don't notice?" Yet on your fast day you do whatever you want, and oppress all your workers.

⁴You quarrel and brawl, and then you fast; you hit each other violently with your fists. You shouldn't fast as you are doing today if you want to make your voice heard on high.

⁵Is this the kind of fast I choose, a day of self-affliction, of bending one's head like a reed and of lying down in mourning clothing and ashes? Is this what you call a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord?

⁶Isn't this the fast I choose: releasing wicked restraints, untying the ropes of a yoke, setting free the mistreated, and breaking every yoke?

⁷Isn't it sharing your bread with the hungry and bringing the homeless poor into your house,

Isaiah 58:1-12, CEB

covering the naked when you see them, and not hiding from your own family?

⁸Then your light will break out like the dawn, and you will be healed quickly. Your own righteousness will walk before you, and the Lord's glory will be your rear guard.

⁹Then you will call, and the Lord will answer; you will cry for help, and God will say, "I'm here." If you remove the yoke from among you, the finger-pointing, the wicked speech;

¹⁰if you open your heart to the hungry, and provide abundantly for those who are afflicted, your light will shine in the darkness, and your gloom will be like the noon.

¹¹The Lord will guide you continually and provide for you, even in parched places. He will rescue your bones. You will be like a watered garden, like a spring of water that won't run dry.

¹²They will rebuild ancient ruins on your account; the foundations of generations past you will restore. You will be called Mender of Broken Walls, Restorer of Livable Streets.

Leader: This is the word of God, for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

INTRODUCTION TO PRAYER

*We would love to know how we can be in prayer with and for you.
Prayer requests are received by using prayer cards found in the seatbacks or by texting your request to 859-274-9471. Prayer cards will be collected during the hymn of prayer.*

HYMN OF PRAYER

This Little Light of Mine 585

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment line on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: '1. This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine, this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine; this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. (let it shine)'. The score concludes with two alternative endings: '2. Everywhere I go' and '3. All through the night'. At the bottom right, the publisher is identified as 'LATTIMER Irr.'.

1. This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. (let it shine)

2. Everywhere I go
3. All through the night

WORDS: Afro-American spiritual (Mt. 5:14-16)
MUSIC: Afro-American spiritual; adapt. by William Farley Smith, 1987
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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.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

¹When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I didn't come preaching God's secrets to you like I was an expert in speech or wisdom.

²I had made up my mind not to think about anything while I was with you except Jesus Christ, and to preach him as crucified.

³I stood in front of you with weakness, fear, and a lot of shaking.

⁴My message and my preaching weren't presented with convincing wise words but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power.

⁵I did this so that your faith might not depend on the wisdom of people but on the power of God.

⁶What we say is wisdom to people who are mature. It isn't a wisdom that comes from the present day or from today's leaders who are being reduced to nothing.

⁷We talk about God's wisdom, which has been hidden as a secret. God determined this wisdom in advance, before time began, for our glory.

Leader: This is the word of God, for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

He Never Failed Me Yet
Jacob Clanton, *soloist*

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

At this time children up to 5th grade may go to Kid's Worship. This is a time of worship geared to our young ones. We do welcome children to remain in worship with their families. We want to support families in whatever works best for you!

* GOSPEL READING

¹³You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its saltiness, how will it become salty again? It's good for nothing except to be thrown away and trampled under people's feet.

¹⁴You are the light of the world. A city on top of a hill can't be hidden.

¹⁵Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a basket. Instead, they put it on top of a lampstand, and it shines on all who are in the house.

¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before people, so they can see the good things you do and praise your Father who is in heaven.

¹⁷Don't even begin to think that I have come to do away with the Law and the Prophets. I haven't come to do away with them but to fulfill them.

Leader: This is the word of God, for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

1 Corinthians 2:1-12, CEB

⁸It is a wisdom that none of the present-day rulers have understood, because if they did understand it, they would never have crucified the Lord of glory!

⁹But this is precisely what is written: *God has prepared things for those who love him that no eye has seen, or ear has heard, or that haven't crossed the mind of any human being.* ¹⁰God has revealed these things to us through the Spirit. The Spirit searches everything, including the depths of God.

¹¹Who knows a person's depths except their own spirit that lives in them? In the same way, no one has known the depths of God except God's Spirit.

¹²We haven't received the world's spirit but God's Spirit so that we can know the things given to us by God.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING FOR EPIPHANY

INVITATION

Leader: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

People **Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

All: **Glory to God. Amen.**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. Before the mountains were brought forth, or you had formed the earth, from everlasting to everlasting, you alone are God. You created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity,

made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Leader: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ, in whom you have revealed yourself, our light and our salvation. In his baptism and in table fellowship he took his place with sinners. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

People: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Leader: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

BREAKING THE BREAD

Leader: Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ. The pastor lifts the cup in silence, or while saying: The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* HYMN OF RESPONSE

431 Let There Be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with

me; let there be peace on earth, the peace that was

meant to be. *With God our cre - a - tor,

chil - dren all are we. Let us

walk with each oth - er in per - fect har - mo - ny.

**Original words: With God as our Father, brothers all are we. Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony.*

WORDS: Sy Miller and Jill Jackson

MUSIC: Sy Miller and Jill Jackson; harm. by Charles H. Webb, 1987

WORLD PEACE

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Let peace be - gin with me; let this be the mo - ment

now. With ev - ery step I take, let

this be my sol - emn vow: to take each mo - ment and

live each mo - ment in peace e - ter - nal - ly.

Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with me.

* BENEDICTION

* DOXOLOGY

**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.**

POSTLUDE

Douglas Schultz

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Pastor's Note

Siblings in Christ,

It was great to gather together last Sunday and share a meal and fellowship with so many of you. In these moments, we can draw near to each other in ways that our worship services preclude. In worship, the direction of our attention is glorifying God. In these different environments, we can orient our attention to knowing and being known by others.

We have several upcoming opportunities, including our Youth Mission Fundraiser to our Lenten Wednesdays, where we will have space to build community. Please join us for these events. The information for these is below, as is a link to everything going on this semester.

My heart is with you, and my prayers are for you. Know that I love you!

Blessings,



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Embrace Bags

Today is the first Sunday of the month, so please return the purple Andover bags if you brought them with you. If you did not bring anything, but would like to help, here is more information. We can receive supplies any day!

Embrace serves the communities of Northeast Lexington, and your donations go a long way in helping feed hungry people. Jan Colbert will have her white Honda Pilot parked near the offices. You can drop your donations right there or in the gathering hall. Items needed are:

Food Bags: Peanut Butter/Canned Chicken or Beef/Canned Tuna or Salmon, Soups, Mac and Cheese, Beans, Pasta, or Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables

Snack Bags: Juice Box, Bags of Chips or Granola Bars, Sleeve of Tuna, Peanut Butter Snack or Vienna Sausages, Fruit or Pudding Cups

Youth Missions Fundraiser, February 12, 12:30 PM

This summer the Fusion Youth Group, which is made up of youth from the three communities of First UMC Lexington, will be traveling to the Henderson Mission Settlement in Frakes, KY for a Service Mission Trip from July 23 to July 29. To fund travel and procure the necessary materials for this trip, the youth will be holding a Souper Bowl Sunday fundraiser Sunday, February 12 at 12:30 PM here at the Andover campus. We invite you to come and enjoy a bowl, or several bowls, of soup and help our youth make this mission trip happen. Donations are welcome for all the soup you can eat! If you would like to help the youth by providing a soup, it would be greatly appreciated! We look forward to fellowshiping together supporting the youth and their mission service trip!

Ash Wednesday Service, February 22, 7:00 PM

We will have an Ash Wednesday service at Andover on Wednesday, February 22, at 7:00 PM. We will gather for a service of penitential reflection culminating in the imposition of the ashes. This service is when we move from Epiphany's season of light to the season of life in Lent. This service sets the stage for our entire Lenten observance. Please mark your calendar and make plans to be there.

Lenten Wednesdays, 6:00 PM

Each Wednesday in Lent, we will gather together at 6:00 PM. We will be looking at the promises in our membership vows to support the church through our

Prayers - 3/1

Presence - 3/8

Gifts - 3/15

Service - 3/22

Witness - 3/29

These times together are a chance for those who have made these vows to take a fresh look at what it means to support the church. For those who have not made these vows, it is a chance to consider what it might mean to make this commitment. This entire time together will be grounded in our broader vows to God and the Church Universal.

We will keep this casual, so please bring a brown bag dinner if that makes your schedule more manageable.

Three Ways to Find More Information

1) If you have an Apple or Android phone or tablet, we have an app. Search your app store for "Church Center." Once you have it installed it will ask you to find your church. Look for "First United" in the "40509" and it will be the first church that comes up!

2) From a web-browser visit <https://1stumc.churchcenter.com/>

3) We have updated our website itself to link directly to everything we are doing. Visit us at AndoverLex.org.