

† Please stand as you are able.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Chiming the Trinity

Call to Worship—*Psalm 26 (NRSV^{ue})*

Establish justice for me, LORD,

because I have walked with integrity.

I've trusted the LORD without wavering.

² **Examine me, LORD; put me to the test!**

Purify my mind and my heart.

³ Because your faithful love is right in front of me—

I walk in your truth!

⁴ **I don't spend time with people up to no good;**

I don't keep company with liars.

⁵ I detest the company of evildoers,

and I don't sit with wicked people.

⁶ **I wash my hands—they are innocent!**

I walk all around your altar, LORD,

⁷ proclaiming out loud my thanks,

declaring all your wonderful deeds!

⁸ **I love the beauty of your house, LORD;**

I love the place where your glory resides.

⁹ Don't gather me up with the sinners,

taking my life along with violent people

¹⁰ **in whose hands are evil schemes,**

whose strong hands are full of bribes.

¹¹ But me? I walk with integrity.

Save me! Have mercy on me!

¹² **My feet now stand on level ground.**

I will bless the LORD in the great congregation.

†Opening Song

“Love Lifted Me”

WS 3101

Young Disciples Time

At this time, young disciples may come forward. After this time, ages 0-4 may proceed to the nursery with volunteers or return to their seats.

Prayer of Illumination

God who provides our every need and satisfies our souls, we come to your word again and again, seeking understanding and the new life it offers. By the power of the Holy Spirit, illumine our hearts and minds so that we may receive our spiritual food from You, for us, today. Amen.

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Gospel Reading

Mark 10:2-16

After the readings: This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Offering and Song

“I Will Praise You in this Storm”



† *The Doxology (to the tune on UMH 95)*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures high and low.

Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator,

Word, and Spirit One. Amen.



QR Code to PUMC Giving

Sermon

“Love that Lasts”

QR Code to Hurricane Relief

Rev. Adam Benson

HOLY COMMUNION

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we confess that we have failed to live into your calling on our lives to be your holy people, a people set apart to love one another as you love us. For when we have asked, “what can I get away with” or “what’s permissible,” rather than “what’s possible” or “what can I do for someone else,” have mercy on us. Teach us to ask better questions. Please forgive us our sins, and help us to make room in our lives and in our hearts for You. Forgive us of our sins, revive us, and reshape us in Your Image. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Hear this good news: while Christ was first and greatest over all creation, he made himself low to be a servant of all, to be near us and with us when we are low and weak. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People (to leader): In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Glory to God! Amen.

Peace of Christ

As you greet your neighbor with (socially distant) signs of peace, the young disciples may come forward.

(We continue with the liturgy of Holy Communion on UMH 15-16...)

Hymn during receiving of Holy Communion: “Servant Song” **TFWS 2222**

Prayer following Holy Communion

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.

† **Closing Song** “They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love” **TFWS 2223**

† **A Blessing**

Loving God, we thank you for hearing our prayers, feeding us with your word and with Yourself, Bread of Life, and for encouraging us in our meeting together.

May your love for us fill us and inspire us to turn towards our neighbor, including those neighbors closest to us, and approach them how we approach you: always with wonder and with love. Amen.

--from Psalm 121:5-8

† **Chiming the Trinity**

† **Postlude**

Parkwood United Methodist Church



Picture of “Two Trees Growing Together” by r/mildlyinteresting on reddit.com

Love that Lasts

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A Service of the Word and Table