

† Please stand as you are able

Please fill out the attendance and prayer cards located in the pews to help us take attendance, choosing the card that's most appropriate for you. You may place it in the offering plate.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Chiming the Trinity

Call to Worship *Psalm 71:1-6 (CEB)*

I've taken refuge in you, LORD.

Don't let me ever be put to shame!

² Deliver me and rescue me by your righteousness!

Bend your ear toward me and save me!

³ Be my rock of refuge where I can always escape.

You commanded that my life be saved

because you are my rock and my fortress.

⁴ My God, rescue me from the power of the wicked;

rescue me from the grip of the wrongdoer and the oppressor

⁵ because you are my hope, Lord.

You, LORD, are the one I've trusted since childhood.

⁶ I've depended on you from birth—

you cut the cord when I came from my mother's womb.

My praise is always about you.

† **Opening Hymn**

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

UMH 110

The children may proceed to the nursery

† **Hymn**

He Leadeth Me

UMH 128

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone. Let the heavenly food of the scripture we are about to hear nourish us today in the ways of eternal life, through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen

Gospel Reading

Luke 4:21-30

Herb Schwarze

Reader: this is the word of God for us the people of God, **thanks be to God!**

Offering and Song

Come Find the Quiet Center

TFWS 2128



PUMC QR Code

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.**



*Rise Against Hunger
QR Code*

Old Testament Reading Leviticus 16:20-22, 29-30, 34; 19:9-10, 18, 33-34

Sermon

“From the Outside, In”

Rev. Adam Benson

HOLY COMMUNION

Prayer of Confession—*Adapted from Rev Gord on his blog, Worship Offerings, <http://worshipofferings.blogspot.ca/>*

God, you share with us words of hope, words of Good News. But sometimes, we are unable to hear them because the source is too familiar. You call us to share the Good News with those around us. But sometimes we are unable to share, because the people know us too well. You encourage us to send messengers to other places where they will be heard better. But we can be jealous, wanting the Good News to be for us, not them. We have left the path of true wisdom and call upon your Grace to put us back on Your path.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

This is the time of God's favor, God's grace continues to proclaim release to the captives, Good News to the poor and freedom to the oppressed.

We live as loved, forgiven, and free people through the grace of God!

Hallelujah! Amen.

† **Passing of the Peace**

At this time, you may greet your neighbor with signs of peace, and the children from the nursery are invited to return to receive Communion

Liturgy for Holy Communion continues on UMH 15

† **Song** during Receiving of Holy Communion “Jesus Messiah” Insert

UMC Social Creed following Holy Communion

We believe in God, Creator of the world; and in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of

creation. We believe in the Holy Spirit, through whom we acknowledge God's gifts, and we repent of our sin in misusing these gifts to idolatrous ends.

We affirm the natural world as God's handiwork and dedicate ourselves to its preservation, enhancement, and faithful use by humankind.

We joyfully receive for ourselves and others the blessings of community, sexuality, marriage, and the family.

We commit ourselves to the rights of men, women, children, youth, young adults, the aging, and people with disabilities; to improvement of the quality of life; and to the rights and dignity of all persons.

We believe in the right and duty of persons to work for the glory of God and the good of themselves and others and in the protection of their welfare in so doing; in the rights to property as a trust from God, collective bargaining, and responsible consumption; and in the elimination of economic and social distress. We dedicate ourselves to peace throughout the world, to the rule of justice and law among nations, and to individual freedom for all people of the world.

We believe in the present and final triumph of God's Word in human affairs and gladly accept our commission to manifest the life of the gospel in the world. Amen.

† *Closing Hymn*

The Summons

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† *Blessing One Another*

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you, wherever He may send you.

May He guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm.

May He bring You home rejoicing at the wonders He has shown you. May He bring you home rejoicing once again into these doors.

† *Chiming the Trinity*

† *Postlude*

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“Labyrinth,” photo by Kristina Hunter:

<https://www.kristinahunterflourishing.com/blog/labyrinth-walking-as-meditation>

From the Outside, In

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