

 **FLAME OF FAITH** UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, May 5, 2024 † 10:30 a.m. Worship

Welcome

Opening Hymn

Blessed Assurance

UMH #369

A Time of Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who are 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.

Passing of the Peace

Hymn

I Need Thee Every Hour

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Announcement

Scripture

James 3:13-4:3, 3:7-8a

Pastor Sara McManus

Message

Root of Conflict

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Holy Communion

Closing Hymn

Living for Jesus

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Benediction

Blessed Assurance

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Verse 1:

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.

Chorus:

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.

Verse 2:

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture
now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (Chorus)

Verse 3:

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. (Chorus)

I Need Thee Every Hour

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Verse 1:

I need thee every hour,
most gracious Lord;
no tender voice like thine
can peace afford.

Chorus:

I need thee, O I need thee;
every hour I need thee;
O bless me now, my Savior,
I come to thee.

Verse 2:

I need thee every hour;
stay thou nearby;
temptations lose their power
when thou art nigh. (Chorus)

Verse 3:

I need thee every hour,
in joy or pain;
come quickly and abide,
or life is vain. (Chorus)

Verse 4:

I need thee every hour;
teach me thy will;
and thy rich promises
in me fulfill. (Chorus)

Verse 5:

I need thee every hour,
most Holy One;
O make me thine indeed,
thou blessed Son. (Chorus)

James 3:13-4:3

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom.

But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth.

Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish.

For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind.

But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy.

And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you?

You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask.

You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

James 3:7-8a

For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species,

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but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

Holy Communion

“The Great Thanksgiving for Easter Day or Season”

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Pastor: Christ the Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent their sin and seek to live in peace with one another.

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All: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church.

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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.

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Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Pastor: 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.

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Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

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

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Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

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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.

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You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey, and set before us the way of life.

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

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

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Pastor: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

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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.

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By your great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of your Son from the dead and to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading.

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Once we were no people, but now we are your people, declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ, who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.

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When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

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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:

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"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

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When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

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"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."

On the day you raised him from the dead he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread, and in the power of your Holy Spirit your Church has continued in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup.

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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.

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**All: Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

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Pastor: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and cup. 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.

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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.

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Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

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VERSE 1:

Living for Jesus
a life that is true,
striving to please him
in all that I do,

yielding allegiance
glad-hearted and free,
this is the pathway
of blessing for me.

CHORUS:

O Jesus, Lord and Savior,
I give myself to thee;
for thou in thy atonement
didst give thyself for me.

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I own no other master,
my heart shall
be thy throne,
my life I give,
henceforth to live,
O Christ, for thee alone.

VERSE 2:

Living for Jesus,
who died in my place,
bearing on Calvary
my sin and disgrace,

such love constrains
me to answer his call,
follow his leading,
and give him my all. (Chorus)

VERSE 3:

Living for Jesus
wherever I am,
doing each duty

willing to suffer
affliction or loss,
deeming each trial
a part of my cross. (Chorus)

VERSE 4:

Living for Jesus
through earth's little while,
my dearest treasure,
the light of his smile,

seeking the lost ones
he died to redeem,
bringing the weary
to find rest in him. (Chorus)