

University UMC – Order of Worship
May 26th, 2024
Trinity Sunday - 1st Sunday after Pentecost

Centering Words:

With strength and power, the Father comes to us. With arms stretched wide, the Son calls to us. With sighs too deep for words, the Spirit heals us. Thanks be to God, Mother and Father of us all.

Prelude:

- Jilsca Oppier

(*) Gathering Songs:

- Tony & Wanda Woolery

“Come, Now is the Time to Worship” (W&S 3176)

/ Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship.
Come, just as you are before your God, come.
One day every tongue will confess you are God.
One day every knee will bow.
Still the greatest treasure remains for those
who gladly choose you now. /
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who gladly choose you now.
Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship,
Come, just as you are before your God,
Come. Come. Come.

“Change My Heart, O God” (FWS 2152)

Change my heart, O God,
make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God,
may I be like you.
You are the potter; I am the clay.
Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.

Change my heart, O God,
make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God,
may I be like you.

“How Great is Our God” (W&S 3003)

The splendor of the King,
clothed in majesty;
let all the earth rejoice,
let all the earth rejoice.
He wraps himself in light,
and darkness tries to hide;
it trembles at his voice,
it trembles at his voice.

Refrain:

How great is our God!
Sing with me, “How great is our God!”
And all will see how great,
how great is our God!

Age to age he stands,
and time is in his hands;
Beginning and the End,
Beginning and the End.
The Godhead, Three in one,
Father, Spirit, Son,
the Lion and the Lamb,
the Lion and the Lamb.

Refrain

Name above all names,
worthy of all praise;
my heart will sing, “How great is our God!”

Gathering & Recognition of Guests:

- Leslie Hall

Birthdays:

- Christy Royer, 2nd
- Nancy Grissom Self, 18th
- Steve Wintergerst, 24th
- Susie Wintergerst, 27th
- Jamin Hunt, 29th
- Jim Burn, 29th

Anniversaries:

- Edwin Tendean & Jilsca Oppier, 05/05/2001
 - o Celebrating **23 years of marriage!**
- Tony & Wanda Woolery, 05/26/1984
 - o Celebrating **40 years of marriage!**

(*) Call to Worship:

- Leslie Hall

Who is like our God in glory and strength?

The voice of the Lord thunders over the waters.

Who is like the Lord in power and might?

The voice of God breaks the mighty cedars.

Who is like the Holy One in awe and wonder?

The voice of the Almighty shakes the wilderness.

God sits enthroned as King forever.

Worship God in holy splendor.

Come! Let us worship the Lord.

(*) Opening Hymn: "O Breath of Life" (W&S 3146) - Leslie Kowalski

O Breath of life, come sweeping through us,
revive your church with life and power.

O Breath of life, come, cleanse, renew us,
and fit your church to meet this hour.

O Wind of God, come bend us, break us,
till humbly we confess our need.

Then in your tenderness remake us;
revive, restore, for this we plead.

O Breath of love, come breathe within us,
renewing thought and will and heart.

Come, love of Christ, afresh to win us;
revive your church in every part.

(*) Opening Prayer:

Your Spirit calls us here, O God, to behold the glory of your majesty and power.

For adopting us into your family and making us heirs with Christ, we thank you.

For freeing us from the failings of the flesh that we may be born anew with water and the Spirit we praise you. Amen.

Children's Message (*if children are present*)

Prayer Hymn: "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" (UMH 64,v.1)

- Leslie Kowalski

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Community Prayer

- Rev. Rubén Esponda

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer in Unison

Choral Anthem: "The Risen Christ" (W&S 3179)

(*) **Scripture: John 3:1-17 (NRSVUE)**

- Leslie Hall

¹ Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person."

³ Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?"

⁵ Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

⁹ Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?”

¹¹ “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.

¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷ “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.

The Word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Sermon: “Born from Above”

- Rev. Rubén Esponda

Invitation to the Offering

- Leslie Hall

Through Holy wisdom, the Lord has made the world as a rich dwelling place, giving us stewardship over the created order. As God is mindful of us and our needs, let us now be mindful of our obligation to the needs of others, through our generosity and responsibility for God’s gifts.

Offering

Doxology: “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” (UMH 94)

- Leslie Kowalski

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Offering Prayer

- Leslie Hall

Spirit of the living God, you offer us rich blessings and a church family to guide our way. We are your children, eager to show you our gratitude and our love. May this offering be a sign of our commitment to live as brothers and sisters of Christ. Bless our gifts this day, O God, that others may be blessed by them.

May they help those in need be born anew in your Spirit and blessed in your holy name. Amen.

Announcements:

- Leslie Hall

Potluck: Join us next Sunday as we hold our monthly potluck. Bring your favorite dish to share in this lovely time of Fellowship!

Christy Royer GoFundMe: Support Christy Royer's journey to becoming a FDN Licensed Practitioner and making a difference in the world of holistic health! Learn more about her inspiring project and how you can contribute by visiting her GoFundMe page or speaking directly with Christy. Your support could pave the way for transformative health solutions!

Office Closure: The Office will be closed on Monday, May 27, in observance of Memorial Day and will resume normal hours on Tuesday.

Israel (Izzy) Good Memorial: Please join us in remembering and celebrating the life of Israel Good on **Saturday, June 8, 2024 at 4:00 PM**. The service will be held here at University UMC. For any inquiries, please contact our church office.

Celebration of Life for Janet Edwards: Join us to honor and celebrate the life of Janet Edwards on **Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at 1:30 PM** at Trinity Episcopal Church, 419 S 4th St, Redlands, CA. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to a Redlands community organization of your choice in memory of Janet.

Nancy Grissom Self Memorial: Please join us in remembering and celebrating the life of Rev. Nan Self on **June 19, 2024, at 1:30 PM**. The service will be held at Redlands First United Methodist Church, located

at 1 E. Olive Ave., Redlands, CA 92373. For any inquiries, please contact the church office at (909) 793-2118.

(*) **Closing Hymn: “To God be the Glory” (UMH 98)**

- Leslie Kowalski

To God be the glory, great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son;
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,
And give him the glory, great things he hath done!
O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Refrain

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
And great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Refrain

(*) **Benediction**

- Rev. Rubén Esponda

Who will go to serve our God?
**Even when we feel fearful,
we will go to serve the Lord.**
Who will go to serve our neighbors?
**Even when we feel unworthy,
we will go to serve our sisters and brothers.**
Who will go to serve our world?
Even when we feel unprepared,

we will go to serve God's people.
We are your servants, Lord.
Send us.

Postlude

- Jilsca Oppier