Prelude

Holy is the Lord | Leatherman

Welcome & Announcements

- Please worship with us using your United Methodist Hymnal, clicking the link with this worship service, or visiting www.elbaumc.com/morning.pdf
- Order Christmas Poinsettia on Church Website
- Hybrid Board of Trustees Meeting today after Morning Worship
- SuperKids, Youth, and Young Adults tonight at 4:45 p.m.
- Hybrid Evening Worship tonight at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.
- Hybrid Missions Planning Team Meeting this Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.
- Hybrid Wednesday Night Bible Study at 6 p.m. in the Choir Room. A new study called “Why do we…?” A Study of Rituals and Traditions. Have you ever questioned what is that thing or why do we do it that way? Please go to our website www.elbaumc.com to ask your questions and join us this Wednesday.
- Please subscribe to our Weekly Newsletter by going to www.elbaumc.com/connect

Opening Prayer

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life:

Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Hymn

When We All Get to Heaven

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Sing the wondrous love of Jesus;
sing his mercy and his grace.
In the mansions bright and blessed
he'll prepare for us a place.

When we all get to heaven,
what a day of rejoicing that will be!
When we all see Jesus,
we'll sing and shout the victory!

While we walk the pilgrim pathway,
clouds will overspread the sky;
but when traveling days are over,
not a shadow, not a sigh.

Let us then be true and faithful,
trusting, serving every day;
just one glimpse of him in glory
will the toils of life repay.

Onward to the prize before us!
Soon his beauty we'll behold;
soon the pearly gates will open;
we shall tread the streets of gold.
The Apostles’ Creed

Where the Spirit of the Lord is,
    there is the one true church, apostolic and universal,
whose holy faith let us now declare.

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;

And 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, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
    and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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 in life everlasting. Amen

Gloria Patri

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,

Fellowship Moment
Steve Reneau

Children’s Moment
Anna Bowers

I Thessalonians 4:13-18
Steve Reneau
But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel’s call and with the sound of God’s trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words. The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.
Hymn

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, his covenant, his blood supports me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found!
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne!

Prayers of the People

Remembering the saints who have gone before us and giving thanks for God's blessings, we pray for the church, all in need, and God's good creation.

Holy God, we desire your wisdom and instruction. Fill our gatherings with your spirit of joy, that the church's daily work be life-giving.

Word of life, as you spoke this good creation into being, guide our actions and help us renew and protect the earth's resources.

Judge of the nations, guide us to bring down barriers so peace will flow over all nations like an ever-flowing stream.

Healer of our every ill, teach us to be watchful for people who need healing, especially for people whose needs are easily overlooked.

Righteous Teacher, guide our congregation that we will, in all circumstances, encourage one another with words of peace, forgiveness, and mercy.

Eternal One, we give you thanks for all the saints who lived and died in faith. Grant us one day to know also the full measure of your eternal life.

Receive our prayers and hopes, Good Shepherd, and bring us safely into all joy and peace, through Christ our Lord who taught us to pray saying:
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

Special Music

Steal Away to Jesus

Erin Smith

Offering Prayer

Accept, O Lord, these gifts of our offering.
Bless them, that they may be used for the furtherance
    of your holy kingdom that offers life and hope
    to all that enter into it.
We lift, O Lord, these our fervent prayer to you,
    trusting in your divine mercy. Amen.

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.

Matthew 25:1-13

“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour. The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Sermon
Hymn

Thy Word is a Lamp

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path

When I feel afraid
Think I've lost my way
Still you're there right beside me
And nothing will I fear
As long as you are near
Please be near me to the end

Now I will not forget
Your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering
Jesus be my guide
And hold me to your side
I will love you to the end

Benediction with Blessing

Steve Reneau

Postlude

Jesus Calls Us | Jude

Pam Baker