



**AN ORDER OF  
CHRISTIAN WORSHIP**

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# GATHERING

Gathering of the Congregation

Welcome and Announcements

**HYMN\***

*Sanctuary*

FWS-2164

## CALL TO WORSHIP

We have come from different backgrounds  
on various roads to get here.

**But we are all here seeking an encounter with God.**

Let us listen for the promise  
of God's steadfast love and faithfulness.

**We are listening for God's call in our lives.**

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Opening Prayer

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture Reading

Psalm 138 (CEB)

<sup>1</sup> I give thanks to you with all my heart, LORD.

I sing your praise before all other gods.

<sup>2</sup> I bow toward your holy temple

and thank your name

for your loyal love and faithfulness

because you have made your name and word  
greater than everything else.

<sup>3</sup> On the day I cried out, you answered me.

You encouraged me with inner strength.

- <sup>4</sup> Let all the earth's rulers give thanks to you, LORD,  
when they hear what you say.
- <sup>5</sup> Let them sing about the LORD's ways  
because the LORD's glory is so great!
- <sup>6</sup> Even though the LORD is high,  
he can still see the lowly,  
but God keeps his distance from the arrogant.
- <sup>7</sup> Whenever I am in deep trouble,  
you make me live again;  
you send your power against my enemies' wrath;  
you save me with your strong hand.
- <sup>8</sup> The LORD will do all this for my sake.  
Your faithful love lasts forever, LORD!  
Don't let go of what your hands have made.

**HYMN\***

*What A Friend We Have In Jesus*

UMH 526

Children's Message

Choral Anthem [10:30]

*At This Table There is Love*

Scripture Reading

Luke 5:1-11 (NRSV)

<sup>1</sup> Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, <sup>2</sup> he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup> He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. <sup>4</sup> When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." <sup>5</sup> Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." <sup>6</sup> When they had done this, they caught

so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. <sup>7</sup> So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. <sup>8</sup> But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" <sup>9</sup> For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; <sup>10</sup> and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." <sup>11</sup> When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

**HYMN\***      *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*      UMH-344

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 13 (NRSV)

<sup>1</sup> If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant <sup>5</sup> or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup> it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. <sup>7</sup> It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

<sup>8</sup> Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. <sup>9</sup> For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; <sup>10</sup> but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. <sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child;

when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. <sup>12</sup>For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. <sup>13</sup>And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Sermon

**THE APOSTLES' CREED\***

I commit myself to God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I set my heart upon 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, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I place my trust in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy church universal,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

**RESPONSE\***

*Gloria Patri*

UMH-71

Invitation to Holy Communion

## **CONFESSION AND PARDON**

**Merciful God,  
we confess that we have not loved you  
with our whole heart.  
We have failed to be an obedient church.  
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.  
Forgive us, we pray.  
Free us for joyful obedience,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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, we are forgiven!

**Glory to God. Amen.**

Invitation to the Offering

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

(If you are a guest, please feel no obligation to give. This is simply one of the ways we worship God.)

**RESPONSE\*** *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH-94

# **THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

UMH 15-16

## 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.**

## RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**  
The blood of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

Prayer Following Communion

## GOING FORTH

**HYMN\***                      *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*                      UMH-384

Dismissal with Blessing\*

Postlude\*

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\*\*Meaning: *Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.*

## **TO THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN**

- Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress those wiggles in God's house.
- Consider sitting toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to engage.
- Quietly explain the parts of the service and actions of the pastors, musicians, and leaders.
- Sing the hymns, pray and voice the responses. Children learn by mimicking you.
- If you have to leave the sanctuary with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."
- If you need or want some time to yourself, there is a nursery available during each service. It is located in Room 205 at the south end of the church. Our ushers and greeters will be happy to direct you.

## **TO THE LARGER CONGREGATION**

- Remember that the presence of children is a gift of hope for the future.
- Remember that the way we welcome children in worship directly affects the way they think about the church, Christianity, and even God.
- Let children know that they are at home in God's house.
- A smile of encouragement is always welcome to parents with small, active children.

## **FEEL FREE TO REMAIN SEATED**

If, for any reason (health, comfort, personal preference, etc.), you need/prefer to remain seated throughout the service, please do so. Don't give into peer pressure. You be you!

# PRAYER CONCERNS

Please note: prayer concerns will be listed in the bulletin for four (4) weeks unless the church office is notified otherwise.

**MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:** Ellouise Marshall [2/06], Hope Higgins [1/16], and Don Rickley [1/16], those grieving the loss of Sara Burwell [2/06].

**COMMUNITY PRAYER CONCERNS:** Sonja Zeithamel (Pam Jackson's sister) [1/16], Mike Jantz [2/06]

**THOSE WORSHIPING FROM HOME:** Gary Donley, Evelyn York, Velma Becker, Joe Clemence, Steve Crump, Margie Miller, Ray Power, Marla Rutz, Donna Smith, Martha Zutavern, Donna Richards, Dorothy Veach, Darlene Sexton, Melvin Leckron, Dorothy Snider, Linda Chase, Verl Eckman.

**THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES:** Greg Austin, Tim Barns, Kayla Berven, Billy Brockman, Matthew Brinker, Ross Covington, Jessica and James Green, Christopher Griffith, Gavin Hanna, Cameron Hoskins, David Hoskins, Ryan Kriesch, Colby Miller, Samuel Miller, Jackson Randles, and James L. Wise, Jr.

**THOSE IN AUTHORITY:** The President, the Governor, the Mayor, County Commissioners, the County Attorney, and other elected officials and the judiciary (1 Timothy 2:1-4).

**DISTRICT PRAYER CALENDAR:** Today we pray for the Chapman United Methodist Church and their pastor Connie Wooldridge.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**YOUTH MOVIE THIS AFTERNOON** — The youth are watching a movie (*Cool Runnings*) today (February 2, 2022) at 2 p.m. in the Youth Room. Popcorn and drinks will be provided!

**COOKIES NEEDED FOR COFFEE TIME** — We are looking for donations of cookies to be shared during coffee time each week. If you could share, please leave cookies in the kitchen. You don't need to be available to serve them.

## **VOICES: I HAVE DECIDED TO STICK WITH LOVE**

A quote from Today's sermon in context:

**"I have also decided to stick with love**, for I know that love is ultimately the only answer to mankind's problems. And I'm going to talk about it everywhere I go. I know it isn't popular to talk about it in some circles today. And I'm not talking about emotional bosh when I talk about love; I'm talking about a strong, demanding love. For I have seen too much hate. I've seen too much hate on the faces of sheriffs in the South. I've seen hate on the faces of too many Klansmen and too many White Citizens' Councilors in the South to want to hate, myself, because every time I see it, I know that it does something to their faces and their personalities, and I say to myself that **hate is too great a burden to bear**. I have decided to love. If you are seeking the highest good, I think you can find it through love. And the beautiful thing is that we aren't moving wrong when we do it, because John was right, God is love. He who hates does not know God, but he who loves has the key that unlocks the door to the meaning of ultimate reality." — Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., "Where Do We Go From Here?" [1]

**QUESTOR'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** — This adult Sunday School class is open for anyone interested in studies on Sunday morning. The class meets in room 200 following the first worship service. They will begin a brand new study on Romans starting Jan 23. It is a 6 week study with a DVD introduction each week. Feel free to join at 9:20 a.m.

**LOOKING FOR A TIME CAPSULE** — This year we are celebrating our 152nd Anniversary as a church and we're pretty sure there is a time capsule on the premises. Anyone have any idea of where it is? We've gotten a few suggestions, but the tip line is still open.

**INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP?** — Are you interested in joining the Abilene First United Methodist Church as a member and making a formal commitment to God, the church, and yourself? If so, please communicate with one of the pastors in person or by using the contact information found on the back of the bulletin.

**EMAIL UPDATES** — John uses a service called TinyLetter to send out blog posts by email every day or so. This way, you can keep up with the blog at [revcollins.com](http://revcollins.com) by simply checking your email inbox. You can sign up at [tinyletter.com/jcollins11](http://tinyletter.com/jcollins11).

**WANT TO TALK TO THE PASTOR?** — John's mobile number is 620-252-9622 and his email is [john@revcollins.com](mailto:john@revcollins.com), or you can write a note on the back of the attendance insert.

**NURSERY** — A nursery is provided for children during each service. It is located in Room 205 near the south entrance to the church. If you need assistance locating the nursery, our ushers and greeters will be happy to direct you, but please note our "to those with young children" section.

# CHURCH CALENDAR

## **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6**

- 8:15 a.m. In-Person Worship Service / Online Streaming
- 9:20 a.m. Small Groups & Sunday School Classes
- 10:30 a.m. In-Person Worship Service / KABI 1560 AM
- 2:00 p.m. Youth Movie Day

## **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7**

- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts - Peatling
- 7:00 p.m. Staff Parish Meeting - 200

## **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8**

- 9:00 a.m. Parkinson's Group Exercise - Narthex
- 9:30 a.m. Cancer Support Group - 200

## **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9**

- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 3:30 p.m. Power & Light
- 5:15 p.m. Bible Discussion Group
- 6:00 p.m. Communion (in-person and Zoom)
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Group
- 6:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal

## **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10**

- 5:00 a.m. Prayer Vigil begins
- 9:00 a.m. Card Ministry Group
- 5:30 p.m. Basketball Dinner
- 5:30 p.m. Small Quilt Group
- 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13**

- 8:15 a.m. In-Person Worship Service / Online Streaming
- 9:20 a.m. Small Groups & Sunday School Classes
- 10:30 a.m. In-Person Worship Service / KABI 1560 AM

### **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14**

- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts - Peatling
- 6:00 p.m. Board of Trustees - 200
- 7:00 p.m. Sand Spring Rustlers 4-H Club
- 7:00 p.m. Worship Design - 200

### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15**

- 9:00 a.m. Parkinson's Group Exercise - Narthex

### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16**

- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:30 p.m. UMW Circle - 200
- 3:30 p.m. Power & Light
- 5:15 p.m. Bible Discussion Group
- 6:00 p.m. Communion (in-person and Zoom)
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Group
- 6:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal

### **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17**

- 5:00 a.m. Prayer Vigil begins
- 9:00 a.m. Card Ministry Group
- 5:30 p.m. Basketball Dinner
- 5:30 p.m. Small Quilt Group
- 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

# SERMON NOTES

# DOODLES

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Please note that **bold type** indicates congregational participation. An asterisk (\*) indicates that you are invited to stand as you are able. "UMH" stands for *The United Methodist Hymnal* (blue book); "FWS" stands for *The Faith We Sing* (black book); and "WS" stands for *Worship and Song* (green book).

## OUR MISSION AND VISION

Mission: to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

Vision: a church of open hearts, open minds, and open doors.

## CLOSING CREDITS

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