

WORSHIP 10:00 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 AM

MAY 21, 2023

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*To parents of 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.*

*-Explain the parts of the service and action of the pastor, musicians, and leaders.*

*-Sing the songs, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn behavior 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."*

\*Congregation is invited to stand, if able.

#### GATHERING MUSIC

#### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

\*SONGS OF PRAISE: GOD OF WONDERS  
WORTHY OF IT ALL

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: The heavens declare the glory of God; the sky proclaims his handiwork.

**P: The law of the Lord is perfect; it revives our soul.**

L: The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

**P: The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.**

L: God's Word is more desirable than gold,

**P: And sweeter than honey.**

**All: Bless us, O God, our Rock and Redeemer, as we hear, pray, speak, and ponder your word in our hearts this morning.**

#### \*OPENING PRAYER (IN UNISON):

*Loving and caring God, we come this morning seeking wisdom and guidance for our lives. Open us to your words of life and love and truth. May we proclaim with our tongues what we know in our hearts. In this time of worship, help us more fully understand what it means to truly be a disciple, a follower of the way of Jesus, a follower of the path of wisdom. May the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, our rock and our redeemer.  
Amen.*

#### CHORAL ANTHEM

#### A TIME FOR CHILDREN WITH MARTHA GILL

This, this is where children belong.  
Welcomed as part of our worship and song.  
Hearing God's Word, sharing love all along.  
This is where children belong.

*After the Children's Moments your child is welcome to:*

*-Stay and be part of the worship service.*

*-Attend God's Big House (Ages: K-5th Grade-upstairs with Mr. Andrew and our volunteers)*

*-Attend the Nursery (Ages: Newborn-Pre-K-main level, down the hall with Ms. Sarah and our volunteers)*

\*A SONG OF PREPARATION: JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADOR THEE

UMH 89

#### SCRIPTURE: PSALM 19 (NRSV)

<sup>1</sup>The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament  
<sup>2</sup>proclaims his handiwork. <sup>3</sup>Day to day pours forth speech, and  
night to night declares knowledge. <sup>4</sup>There is no speech, nor are  
there words; their voice is not heard; <sup>5</sup>yet their voice goes out  
through all the earth and their words to the end of the world. In the  
heavens he has set a tent for the sun, <sup>6</sup>which comes out like a  
bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs  
its course with joy. <sup>7</sup>Its rising is from the end of the heavens and  
its circuit to the end of them, and nothing is hid from its heat. <sup>8</sup>The  
law of the Lord is perfect reviving the soul; the decrees of  
the Lord are sure, making wise the simple; <sup>9</sup>the precepts of  
the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of  
the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes; <sup>10</sup>the fear of the Lord is  
pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and  
righteous altogether. <sup>11</sup>More to be desired are they than gold, even  
much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the hon-  
eycomb. <sup>12</sup>Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping  
them there is great reward. <sup>13</sup>But who can detect one's own er-  
rors? Clear me from hidden faults. <sup>14</sup>Keep back your servant also  
from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I  
shall be blameless and innocent of great transgression. <sup>15</sup>Let the  
words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable  
to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

This Is the Word of God. Do you believe It?  
**Yes, we believe It.**

MESSAGE : THE HEAVENS DECLARE

REV. DUSTIN McCUNE

A TIME OF PRAYER

A TIME OF GIVING

**\*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.

**\*A SONG OF INVITATION: HOW GREAT THOU ART UMH 77**

**\*CONGRGATIONAL BENEDICTIONAL SONG: THE BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you  
Make His face shine upon you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord turn His face toward you  
and give you peace. Amen.

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today: Please join us downstairs immediately following service for the United Women of Faith's Potato Bar. Eat-in and To Go meals will be available.**

**Monday, May 22 at 6:30 pm:** Brainstorming session for anyone interested in talking about the future of Cross Roads UMC and our mission.

**June 2 at 6:30 pm:** Mother/Son Dance

**June 3 at 6:30 pm:** Father/Daughter Dance

**June 4:** Meeting night

**June 7:** September Club will meet for the last time before summer break at O'Charley's Restaurant at Noon. Each person is responsible for the cost of his/her meal.

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