



3. People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.
4. Blessings abound where'er he reigns; all prisoners leap and loose their chains;
the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.
5. Let every creature rise and bring honors peculiar to our King;
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen!

INVOCATION (unison)

Lord of life, we do not know the face of the future, any more than your disciples did. Like them, we have many questions, how to live, how to bear witness. Like them, we thirst for the spring waters of the Spirit to inspire us in our living to give us a heart language in our testimony.

You have been raised in glory that we might rise with dignity. You live in power that we might live in peace. You are present everywhere that we might be fully present in our own lives. This we believe. This we step out on.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us lift our prayers in thoughts of praise.

SILENT PRAYER

Communicate with God about your faith.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 1:15-23 (CEB)

Since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, this is the reason that I don't stop giving thanks to God for you when I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, will give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation that makes God known to you. I pray that the eyes of your heart will have enough light to see what is the hope of God's call, what is the richness of God's glorious inheritance among believers, and what is the overwhelming greatness of God's power that is working among us believers. This power is conferred by the energy of God's powerful strength. God's power was at work in Christ when God raised him from the dead and sat him at God's right side in the heavens, far above every ruler and authority and power and angelic power, any power that might be named not only now but in the future. God put everything under Christ's feet and made him head of everything in the church, which is his body. His body, the church, is the fullness of Christ, who fills everything in every way.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Almighty God, we confess that we have our eyes set in the clouds instead of on the earth You have given us. We desire heavenly treasure but we keep believing that worldly means will help us attain it. Forgive us for our short sightedness. Draw us away from the temptations to seek worldly power and measures of success, and call us to the down-to-earth message of Your love, to care for the needs of those around us, especially the oppressed and marginalized. You have called us through scripture to care for the widows and orphans among us; help us to see all those who are left out by society and are in need. Help us to break down the dividing walls that we have placed, so that we may truly be one, as You and Christ are one. For it is in Christ's name we pray. Amen.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:44-53 (CEB)

Jesus said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the Law from Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures. He said to them, "This is what is written: the Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and a change of heart and life for the forgiveness of sins must be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. Look, I'm sending to you what my Father promised, but you are to stay in the city until you have been furnished with heavenly power." He led them out as far as Bethany, where he lifted his hands and blessed them. As he blessed them, he left them and was taken up to heaven. They worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem overwhelmed with joy. And they were continuously in the temple praising God.

A MOMENT WITH OUR CHILDREN

MESSAGE

**"The Hope of Being Lifted Up"
Rev. Terry McDorman**

HYMN

"I've Got Peace Like a River"

(FWS #2145)

1. I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul. I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river in my soul.
2. I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul. I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.

3. I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in my soul. I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean in my soul.

INVITATION TO SHARE

It's hard to know if we are growing, but no one has seen God either. We see God in the love we share. We grow with God in the mercy we give. Let us give our gifts of love and mercy.

OFFERTORY

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS:

***DOXOLOGY**

(UMH # 94)

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!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)**

God of wisdom and guidance, steer us, we pray, through our anxious times. The gifts we bring this day are a small part of all we have received. We push back our inclination to be more generous because of our anxiety about the economy. We hold back on sharing our faith and advocating for compassion and justice out of anxiety about the division in our world and in our neighborhood. We hold back on inviting neighbors to church out of anxiety about how they might view the church right now. Remind us that it is Jesus we offer to the world, not us. Help us to cast the anxiety on Jesus, for the one the tomb could not hold can carry our anxiety with ease. In the name of Jesus, who broke the hold of death once and for all. Amen

MUSICAL REFLECTION

CLOSING PRAYER (unison)

Risen and ascended Lord Jesus, when we are numbed by the suffering of the world, take us back to the deep truth of your power and glory, of your invincible Kingdom, of your promise of reconciliation. In the knowledge of this truth, help us to bring our gaze to earth and find the strength to go into the world, to do your will on earth as in heaven. To build the kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven.

CLOSING HYMN “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” (UMH #155)

1. All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall,
let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him, and crown him Lord of all.
2. Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,
ye ransomed from the fall, hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him, and crown him Lord of all.
3. Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall,
the wormwood and the gall, go spread your trophies at his feet,
and crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him, and crown him Lord of all.
4. Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball,
on this terrestrial ball, to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him, and crown him Lord of all.
5. Crown him, ye martyrs of your God, who from his altar call,
who from his altar call; extol the Stem of Jesse's Rod,
and crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him, and crown him Lord of all.
6. O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall,
we at his feet may fall! We'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him, and crown him Lord of all.

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

All are invited to sit and reflect during the Postlude

Special thanks to all those that assisted with worship today.

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 29

ATTENDANCE GOAL: 70

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRESENCE AND SERVICE

Sun. May 21 9:00 am Sunday School
Sun. May 21 10:00 am Worship and Zoom Service
Wed. May 24 6:30 pm Finance Committee meeting at the church
Wed. May 24 7:00 pm Administrative Council meeting at the church
Sun. May 28 9:00 am Sunday School
Sun. May 28 10:00 am Worship and Zoom Service Memorial Day
Sun. June 04 9:00 am Sunday School
Sun. June 04 10:00 am Worship and Zoom Service

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

May 22 Max Moyer May 22 Angie Smith

MISSIONS



Items requested by the food pantry are: Vegetable, chicken-noodle and tomato soups, any kind of cereal and/or oatmeal, canned fruit, pancake syrup, toilet paper and antiperspirant. Cash Donations are always welcome.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

Macon Adult Sunday School Bible Study "Words of Life Jesus and the Promise of the Ten Commandments Today" by Adam Hamilton will continue Sunday at 9:00 am.