

Preparation for Worship and Announcements

Dr. Mary Lynn Polk, Lay Leader

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, till all the world adore his sacred name.*

**\*Passing of the Peace**

**Chiming of the Trinity**

Caroline Dorn

**Prelude**

*Praise Unending*

Steve Scott

**\*Call to Worship**

Kim Clark

Leader: Why have we gathered on this holy day? What has drawn us to this time and place?

People: **We have been drawn to a flame burning here. We sense the glory of God in this place.**

Leader: God calls us to this time of worship. The place where we are standing is holy ground.

People: **Give thanks to God: sing praises. Give attention to the voice of God.**

Leader: Out of a burning bush, God spoke to Moses. In the rhythm of worship, God speaks to us.

People: **We will listen for God's message to us. Surely God's strength will supply our needs.**

**\*Hymn No. 96**

*Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above*

Amsterdam

**\*Invocation**

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

We tremble to think that the Source of all life, the Creator of all worlds, is in this place, knowing our innermost secrets, calling us by name, communing with us as we worship. O God, we dare to call on you, to bow before you, to welcome your Word. We tremble to think what you might expect of us, for we remember what you expected of Moses. You sent him against the rulers of his people to win release from oppression. You sent him from the comfortable places he knew to plead for freedom amid threatening conditions. We dare to worship you, O God, knowing that you expect much of us. Amen.

**\*Affirmation of Faith No. 881**

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 the life everlasting. Amen.

**\*Gloria Patri No. 70**

*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, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

**Old Testament Reading**

Exodus 3:1-15

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**Psalter**

Psalms 105:1-6

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**Anthem**

*Who At My Door is Standing?*

K. Lee Scott

Chancel Choir

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Lord's Prayer (In unison)**

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.

**Offering**

Offertory

*Give Thanks Unto the Lord*

Franklin Ritter

\*Doxology

*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

Old 100<sup>th</sup>

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Children's Message

Kathy Kelly

*The children of Main Street UMC are collecting money to fund a llama for \$150 from Heifer International. As the children come to the front of the Sanctuary for a special message, they are invited to bring change to help in buying the llama. If any adults want to contribute, please pass your money to a child as they come forward. Following Children's Time, 3-year-olds through Kindergarteners may leave the Sanctuary for Extended Session.*

\*Hymn No. 395

*Take Time to Be Holy*

Holiness

\*†Gospel Lesson

Matthew 16:21-28

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Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"No Easy Way"

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

\*Hymn No. 415

*Take Up Thy Cross*

Germany

\*Benediction

Leader: We leave from here to bear witness to Christ

People: **In faithfulness to the Scriptures, in harmony with the church of the ages, and in unity with all Christ's people. Amen.**

\*Benediction Response No. 666

*Shalom to You*

SHALOM

*Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends. In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.*

\*Postlude

†Sermon Text

*\*Please stand if you are able*

*Nursery Provided*

## Psalm 105:1-6



Give prais - es un - to God the Lord and call up - on his name: A -  
In ho - nor of his ho - ly name re - joice with one ac - cord, And  
The won - drous works which he hath done, keep still in mind - ful heart; Let



mong the peo - ple all de - clare his works to spread his fame: Sing  
let the heart al - so be glad of them that seek the Lord. Seek  
not the judg - ments of his mouth out of \_\_\_ your mind de - part: Ye \_



joy - ful - ly un - to the Lord, yea, sing un - to him praise; and  
ye the Lord, and seek the strength of his e - ter - nal might, Yea,  
that of faith - ful A - bra - ham his ser - vant are the seed, Ye



talk of all his won - drous works that he hath wrought al - ways.  
seek his face in - ces - sant - ly, and pre - sence of his sight.  
his e - lect, the chil - dren that of Ja - cob do pro - ceed.

# Music Notes

In 1875, Mary Slade, a teacher, minister's wife, and assistant editor of The New England Journal of Education, penned the words to *Who At My Door Is Standing?* For many years this text was associated with a gospel tune by Asa Everett. In today's version, K. Lee Scott has set the text to an old English folk song.

## ***Who At My Door Is Standing?*** K. Lee Scott

*Who at my door is standing, there patiently drawing near,  
Who entrance is demanding? Whose is the voice I hear?  
Sweetly the tones are falling: "Now open the door for me!  
If thou wilt heed my calling, I will abide with thee."*

*Within, the rooms are darkened, all filled with dust and sin;  
How shameful, how unworthy for Christ to enter in.  
Yet, the tones are falling: "Now open the door for me!  
If thou wilt heed my calling, I will abide with thee."*

*Door of my heart, I hasten! Thee will I open wide.  
Though he rebuke and chasten, He shall with me abide.  
Sweetly the tones are falling: "Now open the door for me!"  
Lord God, I hear thee calling, Come now, abide with me.  
Dear Lord, abide with me*