

Order of Worship
Friendship United Methodist Church
Sunday July 4, 2021

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Gathering
Greeting/Announcements

“This Is The Day”

***Call to Worship**

from Psalm 130

L: O people, hope in the Lord!

P: *For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and with him is great power to redeem.*

L: It is God who will redeem us
from all our iniquities.

All: *O come, let us worship the Lord!*

***Opening Prayer**

Shirley Waldrum

***Hymn of Praise**

UMH #696

“America the Beautiful”
*O beautiful for spacious skies,
for amber waves of grain;
for purple mountain majesties
above the fruited plain!*
*America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood
from sea to shining sea.*

*O beautiful for heroes proved
in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved,
and mercy more than life!*
*America! America! May God thy gold refine,
till all success be nobleness,
and every gain divine.*

*O beautiful for patriot dream
that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam,
undimmed by human tears!*
*America! America! God mend thine every flaw,
confirm thy soul in self-control,
thy liberty in law.*

***Affirmation of Faith**

UMH #887

L: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?
Shall tribulation or distress,
or persecution or famine,
or nakedness or peril or sword?

All: No!

**In all things we are more than conquerors
through the One who loved us.**
**We are sure that neither
death nor life,
nor angels, nor principalities,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.**
Thanks be to God! Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

UMH # 70

Scripture Reading

Ezekiel 2:1-5

He said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, “Thus says the Lord God.” Whether they hear

or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Debra Jackson

***The Doxology**

UMH # 95

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him, all creatures here below
Praise him, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

Children's Time

Roy Spore

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns/Pastoral Prayer

During this time, the congregation is invited to offer up their concerns by speaking their name or typing them into the "chat" box on Facebook. When offering up individuals, please type only their first name to protect their privacy. As each name is spoken, let the congregation respond "...Lord, hear our prayer."

Hymn of Preparation

UMH # 328

"Surely the Presence of Lord"
*Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this place
I can feel his mighty power and his grace
I can hear the brush of angel's wings, I see
glory on each face, surely the presence of
the Lord is in this place.*

Message

Roy Spore

"Kings and Prophets"

Service of Communion

UMH #12

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts;

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise

It is right, and a good and joyful thing ...

...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the lord. Hosanna in the highest.***

Holy are you, and blessed is Jesus Christ ...

... we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered together, and on all these gifts And now, with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray:

The Lord's Prayer

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

At this time, each person may share in the communion they have prepared in their homes. Let each person lift up the bread as the pastor says:

The Body of Christ, broken for you.

Let each person lift up the cup as the pastor says:

The Blood of Christ, shed for you.

Hymn of Discipleship

UMH #714

“I Know whom I Have Believed

*I know not why God's wondrous grace
to me he hath made known,
nor why, unworthy, Christ in love
redeemed me for his own.*

Refrain:

*But I know whom I have believed,
and am persuaded that he is able
to keep that which I've committed
unto him against that day.*

*I know not how this saving faith
to me he did impart,
nor how believing in his word
wrought peace within my heart.
(Refrain)*

*I know not how the Spirit moves,
convincing us of sin,
revealing Jesus through the word,
creating faith in him.
(Refrain)*

*I know not when my Lord may come,
at night or noontide fair,
nor if I walk the vale with him,
or meet him in the air.
(Refrain)*

Benediction