

**Order of Worship**  
**Friendship United Methodist Church**  
**Sunday May 2, 2021**

*In Order to assist with our livestream broadcast, please remember to turn off your cell phones.*

**Gathering**  
**Greeting/Announcements**

**“This Is The Day”**

**\*Call to Worship**

**from Psalm 22**

**L:** All the ends of the earth shall remember  
and turn to the Lord;

**P:** *and all the families of the nations  
shall worship before him.*

**L:** For dominion belongs to the Lord,  
and he rules over the nations.

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

**\*Opening Prayer**

**Shirley Waldrum**

**\*Hymn of Praise**

**UMH #700**

**“Abide With Me”**

*Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;  
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.*

*Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;  
change and decay in all around I see;  
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.*

*I need thy presence every passing hour.  
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.*

*I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;  
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.*

*Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.*

*Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;  
shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.  
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.*

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

**UMH #888**

**L:** *This is the good news which we have received,  
in which we stand, and by which we are saved:*

**ALL:** *Christ died for our sins, was buried,  
was raised on the third day,  
and appeared first to the women,  
then to Peter and the Twelve,  
and then to many faithful witnesses.  
We believe Jesus is the Christ,  
the Anointed One of God,  
the firstborn of all creation,  
the firstborn from the dead,  
in whom all things hold together,  
in whom the fullness of God  
was pleased to dwell  
by the power of the Spirit.  
Christ is the head of the body, the church  
and by the blood of the cross  
reconciles all things to God. Amen.*

**\*Gloria Patri**

**UMH #70**

**Scripture Reading**

**John 15:1-8**

*“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and*

*withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.*

### **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**

*"Clinging Vines"*

**Roy Spore**

### **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 should open their communion service and remove the wafer. Let each person lift up the wafer 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 #397**

***"I Need Thee Every Hour"***

*I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord;  
no tender voice like thine can peace afford.*

*Refrain:*

*I need thee, O I need thee; every hour I need thee;*

*O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee.*

*I need thee every hour; stay thou nearby;  
temptations lose their power when thou art nigh. (Refrain)*

*I need thee every hour, in joy or pain;  
come quickly and abide, or life is vain. (Refrain)*

*I need thee every hour; teach me thy will;  
and thy rich promises in me fulfill. (Refrain)*

*I need thee every hour, most Holy One;  
O make me thine indeed, thou blessed Son. (Refrain)*

## **Benediction**