

*THE BENEDICTION *(Responsive)*

Pastor: Choose God this day, and keep your lamps lit.

People: We go with hearts ablaze with God's love.

Pastor: Choose God this day, and shine with God's light.

People: We go with lives kindled with the call to serve.

Pastor: Choose God this day, and enter into fullness of life.

People: We go to embrace the life we have received.

THE POSTLUDE

"Lead On, O King Eternal"

arr. by Melody Bober

**Indicates people standing as able*

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Liturgist: Jane Frankenberger (8:30); Kathy Sims (11:00)

Organist/Pianist: Lisa Johnson Mott/Jorie Ronschke

Audio Techs: Bob Nicholson, David Caddy, Katie Wereley-Bross,
John Davis, Jonathan Heinz

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Video Techs: Neil McTavish/Tom Creswell



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

W. Lafayette, IN *(serving Christ since 1869)*

November 12, 2017

8:30 & 11:00 A.M. Worship

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Rev. Glen Robyne/Rev. Craig LaSuer

Whoever you are and wherever you are in your spiritual journey, you are welcome here. Please sign the attendance pad and include your best contact information, if we don't already have it. This is especially important for our guests so that we can appropriately take note of your presence today.

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENT

As we seek to build up this congregation as the Body of Christ, we want to remind you about a few upcoming events. Today after worship is our Newcomers Lunch in the Activity Center. If you are new to worship, we invite you to stay so that we can welcome you and get to know each other. Next Sunday everyone is invited to lunch to hear Rev. Dan Gangler speak about the United Methodist Church's official stance on LGBTQ issues and how it may impact the church. Also, the UMW invite all women to their Fall Harvest Meeting this Thursday, Nov. 16 at 6:45pm. Details about these and all the events of our church are in the bulletin.

CENTERING WORDS

We make a thousand decisions every day, but few seem of much Consequence. What if we made one decision today that would make all the difference in the world? Choosing, this day, to follow God is that decision. Will we do it? Will we share this wisdom with our children? The choice is ours.

PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

"Appassionata"

Michael Joy

Aldersgate Handell Choir, directed by Ellen Wilson

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsive*) Liturgist

(Please stand in body or spirit)

Leader: The God of our ancestors has called us here.

People: We are witnesses.

Leader: The wisdom of the ages has called us here.

People: We are witnesses.

Leader: The choice to follow God has called us here.

People: We are witnesses.

Leader: The Lord of life has called us here.

People: We are witnesses

(based on Joshua 24, Psalm 78, 1 Thessalonians 4)

*HYMN OF PRAISE "The God of Abraham Praise" Hymn #116

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

True peace is found when we choose life and follow God. True wisdom is found when we choose to wait for Christ, even when the hour is late. Turn to one another and share the deep peace and healing wisdom found in choosing God each and every day. May the peace of Christ be with you.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 Liturgist

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE IN MUSIC (11:00) "Onward, Christian Soldiers" Sir Arthur Sullivan
"Little David" arr. Erin MacGorman
Celebration Chimes, directed by Heidi Fornes and Kathy Lind

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Joy LaSuer
(11:00-Children age 2 through 4th grades may now leave from the service for Worship Express.)

OUR PRAYERS TOGETHER

Prayer Hymn "As the Deer" The Faith We Sing #2025

The Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

MESSAGE IN MUSIC (8:30) "A Gospel Hymn Ring" arr. Waldrop

Aldersgate Handbell Choir, directed by Ellen Wilson

(11:00) "Keep Your Lamps" Victor Johnson

Chancel Choir, directed by Ellen Wilson; accompanied by Jorie Ronschke

*THE GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 25:1-13 Liturgist

(Please stand in body or spirit)

Leader: For the Word of God in scripture,

For the Word of God among us,

For the Word of God within us;

All: Thanks be to God

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS "Give Me Oil In My Lamp" Rev. Craig LaSuer

DISCIPLESHIP RESPONSE

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus for the transformation of the world. This week we celebrate that we had a packed house last Friday night for the Family Movie night viewing of "Moana" and that it coincided with our Family Promise host week. offering a fun option for our guest families to consider. Your generosity supports these ministries and the others of our congregation. I invite you once again to give generously as we worship God through the sharing of our gifts, tithes, and offerings.

The Offertory Music (8:30) "Near to the Heart of God" arr. by Martha Mier

(11:00) "A Gospel Hymn Ring" arr. Waldrop

Aldersgate Handbell Choir, directed by Ellen Wilson

*The Presentation Music "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Hymn #94

*The Prayer of Dedication (In Unison)

We dedicate these gifts to you, Eternal One, as symbols of our choice to follow you. Receive these gifts of love as celebrations of your presence in our lives. Hold us to our promises, that we might share your blessings and wisdom with the world. Amen.

*HYMN OF BENEDICTION "We Are God's People" The Faith We Sing #2220