

Opening Worship

Wednesday Afternoon

**O For A Thousand
Tongues to Sing**

O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through
all the earth abroad
the honors of thy name.

Jesus! the name that
charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of canceled sin,
he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean;
his blood availed for me.

He speaks, and listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf;
his praise, ye dumb,
your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Savior come,
and leap, ye lame, for joy.

In Christ, your head,
you then shall know,
shall feel your sins forgiven;
anticipate your heaven below,
and own that love is heaven.

We, the People Called United Methodist

Rev. Magrey deVega

We, the people called United Methodists, affirm our faith in God our Creator and Father, in Jesus Christ our Savior, and in the Holy Spirit, our Guide and Guard...

We affirm our unity in Jesus Christ while acknowledging differences in applying our faith in different cultural contexts as we live out the gospel.

We stand united in declaring our faith that God's grace is available to all, that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

Grateful for God's forgiving love, in which we live and by which we are judged, and affirming our belief in the inestimable worth of each individual...

we renew our commitment to become faithful witnesses to the gospel, not alone to the ends of earth, but also to the depths of our common life and work.

*Please observe a
moment of silent prayer.*

Prayer of Confession

Heather Pancoast

O God, we profess a faith that we do not always live. We hope for a future that we cannot always see.

**We express love, but we attach
limits and conditions.**

**Move us toward a full acceptance
of your gifts: faith, hope, and love.**

Give us hearts to know you.

Give us eyes to see you.

Give us hands to serve you.

In the name of Jesus; Amen.

If we confess our sins, [God] who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God
Almighty! Early in the morning
our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons,
blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy!
All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea;

Cherubim and seraphim
falling down before thee,
which wert, and art,
and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the
darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy
glory may not see,

Only thou art holy;
there is none beside thee,
perfect in power,
in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name,
in earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons,
blessed Trinity.

Scripture Reading

Rev. Gary Marcelin

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

For in the one Spirit we were all
baptized into one body—Jews or
Greeks, slaves or free—and we were
all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many... If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and
individually members of it.

1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 26-27

**Blest Be the Dear
Uniting Love**

Blest be the dear uniting love
that will not let us part;
our bodies may far off remove,
we still are one in heart.

Joined in one spirit to our Head,
where he appoints we go,
and still in Jesus' footsteps tread,
and do his work below.

O may we ever walk in him,
and nothing know beside,
nothing desire, nothing esteem,
but Jesus crucified!

We all are one who him receive,
and each with each agree,
in him the One, the Truth, we live;
blest point of unity!

Partakers of the Savior's grace,
the same in mind and heart,
nor joy, nor grief, nor time, nor place,
nor life, nor death can part.



Remember your baptism
and be thankful.

Amen.



And Are We Yet Alive

And are we yet alive,
and see each other's face?
Glory and thanks to Jesus give
for his almighty grace!

Preserved by power divine
to full salvation here,
again in Jesus' praise we join,
and in his sight appear.

What troubles have we seen,
what mighty conflicts past,
fightings without, and fears within,
since we assembled last!

Yet out of all the Lord
hath brought us by his love;
and still he doth his help afford,
and hides our life above.

Then let us make our boast
of his redeeming power,
which saves us to the uttermost,
till we can sin no more.

Let us take up the cross
till we the crown obtain,
and gladly reckon all things loss
so we may Jesus gain.