

ST. JOHN UNITED CHURCH
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WILDE LAKE INTERFAITH CENTER • COLUMBIA, MARYLAND
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WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

Patricia Hammer
Accompanist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

GTG #687

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:

Beneath the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame,
from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever rolling stream, bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed.

For the Lord our God is with us wherever we go.

OPENING PRAYER

God of peace, you taught us that as we rest in you, we shall be saved. By the power of your Holy Spirit lift us to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

God is our helper, with a strength greater than the mountains, who looks to our needs and watches over us day and night. Confidently hold onto God's grace that in times of fear and danger you may know God is near and depend on God, our sure deliverer. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING #1

Psalm 107:1 – 3, 23 – 32

ANTHEM

“Here I Am to Worship”

(Christafari; video)

Light of the world, you step down into darkness
Opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore you
Hope of a life spent with you

Refrain:

*Here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that you're my God
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me*

King of all days, Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly you came to the earth you created
All for love's sake became poor

Refrain

I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross

Refrain

SCRIPTURE READING #2

Mark 4:35 – 41

TIME WITH
YOUNG DISCIPLES

“The Shalom of God”

Pastor Steve Nofel

MESSAGE

“**BE LIKE JESUS**”

Pastor Steve Nofel

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer

**Our God in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

OFFERTORY SONG
OF REFLECTION

“Surely the Presence of the Lord”

UM #328

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 angels' wings,
I see glory on each face;
surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

CALL TO GENEROSITY

Dear God, may our minds, souls, and bodies always serve you. Let our gifts and kindness help not only You but our friends, our community and our world. Amen.

CLOSING SONG

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

GTG #700

I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me...

I'm gonna pray so God can use me...

I'm gonna sing so God can use me...

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Patricia Hammer
Accompanist

NOTICE OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The St. John United Church Council has called a meeting of the congregation for Sunday, July 7, 2024, directly following worship. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the report of the Church Nominating Committee and elect a Pastor Nominating Committee.

Readings are NRSV unless otherwise noted. CEB=Common English Bible; CEV=Contemporary English Version; KJV=King James Version; MSG=The Message; NIV=New International Version; NLT=New Living Translation; TIB=The Inclusive Bible

Psalm 107:1 – 3, 23 – 32

¹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever.

² Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
those he redeemed from trouble

³ and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.

²³ Some went down to the sea in ships,
doing business on the mighty waters;

²⁴ they saw the deeds of the LORD,
his wondrous works in the deep.

²⁵ For he commanded and raised the stormy wind,
which lifted up the waves of the sea.

²⁶ They mounted up to heaven, they went down to the depths;
their courage melted away in their calamity;

²⁷ they reeled and staggered like drunkards,
and were at their wits' end.

²⁸ Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
and he brought them out from their distress;

²⁹ he made the storm be still,
and the waves of the sea were hushed.

- ³⁰ Then they were glad because they had quiet,
and he brought them to their desired haven.
- ³¹ Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wonderful works to humankind.
- ³² Let them extol him in the congregation of the people,
and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

Mark 4:35 – 41

³⁵ On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side.' ³⁶ And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷ A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸ But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' ³⁹ He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰ He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?' ⁴¹ And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'

