



Prelude



**Welcome &
Announcements**



Passing the Peace



Choral Prelude



Call to Worship

**People: Your message of hope
to a world tiring of winter's starkness
longing for that first crocus
to push through snow's icy blanket
and spread its leaves
like arms outstretched
to its creator
Springtime**

**Our yearly reminder, if we needed one
that to a world that was dark and cold
a world devoid of love's sweet warmth
you sent your Son
to break through sin's icy blanket
and, arms outstretched
on a cross
he brought us
hope
Amen. *****

THE UNITED METHODIST
HYMNAL



Fairest Lord Jesus

*Text : Joseph August Seiss
Music: Richard Storrs Willis*

Hymn 189

***Fairest Lord Jesus,
ruler of all nature,
O thou of God and
man the Son,
Thee will I cherish,
thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's
glory, joy and
crown.***

*Fair are the meadows,
Fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.*

Fair is the sunshine,

Fairer still the moonlight,

And all the twinkling starry host:

Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer

Than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior!

Lord of all the nations!

Son of God and Son of Man!

Glory and honor, praise, adoration,

Now and forevermore be thine.



Scripture Reading
Psalm 139:1-6,23-24

Jesus Said
LET THE CHILDREN
COME TO ME

Children's Message



A vibrant sunset over a green field. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a golden glow across the sky and illuminating the clouds. The foreground is a lush green field. The text "God Moment New Members" is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font.

God Moment New Members

Covenant for Reception of New Members



PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ; through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and are given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

P: Through confirmation and through the reaffirmation of our faith, we renew the covenant declared at our baptism, acknowledge what God is doing for us, and affirm our commitment to Christ's holy Church.

P: I present name(s) who come to join in membership with this congregation.

RENUNCIATION OF SIN

P: On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

N: I do.

P: Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

N: I do.

P: Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

N: I do.

P: According to the grace given to you, will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world.

N: I will.

P: Do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

C: We do.

P: Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these people now before you in your care?

C: With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these people with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God and be found faithful in their service to others.

C: We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk the way that leads to life.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

P: Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father?

C,N: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

C,N: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;

C,N: he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

C,N: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the universal church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

RECEPTION INTO THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

P: As members of Christ's universal Church, will you be loyal to The United Methodist Church, and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?

N: I will.

P: As members of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness?

N: I will.

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

P: Members of the household of God, I commend these people to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

C: We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church,

C: we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

P: The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may live in grace and peace.

Prayer of Confession & Pardon

People: Patient and ever-faithful God, we come to you this morning confessing that we can be a grumpy and unsatisfied people. When things are not perfect in our eyes, we murmur and complain, grumble and doubt. We lose hope in the people around us and, even worse, we lose hope in you.

We challenge instead of accept. We put you to the test rather than trust your caring love. Forgive our doubts and complaining. Forgive our loss of hope. Let your healing, life-giving waters pour over us. Restore our souls.

(silent confessions)

Leader: Our hope and assurance rest in God's unfailing love and forgiveness. Open your hearts and minds and souls, that the healing waters of God's never-ending love and forgiveness may flow into and over you. Know that in this love and forgiveness you have encountered the living God.

People: Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ! Amen. ***

The Faith We Sing



Thank You, Jesus

*Text: Trad. Shona; trans. By Patrick
Matsikenyeri*

*Music: African folk song; transcribed by
Patrick Matsikenyeri*

Black Book #2081

***Thank you, Jesus,
amen!***

***Thank you, Jesus,
amen!***

***Thank you Jesus,
amen!***

Alleluia! Amen!



Special Music

Jesus

Practicing Gratitude

Pastor Park Hunter

The Faith We Sing



**They Will Know
We Are Christians
By Our Love**

Text & Music: Peter Shoultes

Black Book #2223

*We are one in
the Spirit,*

*We are one in
the Lord,*

*We are one in
the Spirit,*

We are one in the Lord,

And we pray that all unity

May one day be restored:

Refrain

And they'll know we are Christians

By our love, by our love;

Yes, they'll know we are Christians

By our love.

We will walk with each other,

We will walk hand in hand,

We will walk with each other,

We will walk hand in hand,

And together we'll spread the news

That God is in our land:

Refrain

And they'll know we are Christians

By our love, by our love;

Yes, they'll know we are Christians

By our love.

We will work with each other,

We will work side by side,

We will work with each other,

We will work side by side,

And we'll guard human dignity

And save human pride:

Refrain

And they'll know we are Christians

By our love, by our love;

Yes, they'll know we are Christians

By our love.

*All praise to the Father,
From whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus,
God's only Son,
And all praise to the Spirit,
Who makes us one:*

Refrain

And they'll know we are Christians

By our love, by our love;

Yes, they'll know we are Christians

By our love.

Prayers of the People



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.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever.

Amen.

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The Doxology

Hymn 94

***Praise God,
from whom all
blessings flow;
praise God,
all creatures here
below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!***

Praise God,

the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ,

whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



Prayer of Dedication



Invitation

The Faith We Sing



Christ Beside Me

Text: St. Patrick's Breastplate
Music: Trad. Gaelic melody

Black Book #2166

*Christ beside me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me—
King of my heart;
Christ within me,
Christ below me,
Christ above me—
never to part.*

Christ on my right hand,

Christ on my left hand,

Christ all around me—shield in the strife;

Christ in my sleeping,

Christ in my sitting,

Christ in my rising—light of my life.



Benediction



Choral Postlude