



Sunday, July 27, 2025

*Prayer candles are available at the communion rail
Financial gifts may be made in the wooden offering boxes
Please silence your electronic devices*

THE GATHERING & CARILLON PRELUDE

THE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

It is Well With My Soul Larry Sue
Text & Tune at UMH #377

THE CALL TO WORSHIP*

Liturgist

Children of God, when the journey ahead seems long
and hard, full of unknown dangers and all-too-real
risks, remember:

Keep the faith.

**God, who made us alive,
is our Guardian and Guide.**

Liturgist

When the voices on the side of the road tempt us
with their misinformation full of unearned
certainty, simple solutions, and quickness to blame
and shame those who disagree with them,
remember:

Stay the course.

**God, who made us alive,
is our Wisdom and Judge.**

Liturgist

When those in power place barriers in our way,
making it harder to share the love of God in our
communities, trying to convince us it is easier to
do nothing than remain firm in God's call to act for
the flourishing of all our neighbors, remember:

Do not be afraid.

**God, who made us alive,
is our Strength and our Advocate.**

Liturgist

Children of God, come! Let us worship God, whose
persistent love empowers us to persevere, to stay
the course, to live by faith and not fear.

**Come, let us worship God,
who makes us alive,
through grace to love and serve God
and one another.**

THE ENTRANCE HYMN*

UMH #213

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION*

**We do not find it easy to speak of how we
do not live as your people,
but you call us to share our weaknesses
and failures with you, Inviting God.**

**Tempted to think your salvation is for a
select few,**

we put up barriers for others.

**Clinging to all you give to us,
we are reluctant to share with those in
need.**

**Surrounded by evil and violence,
we find it easier to close ranks with
those just like us,
rather than seeking peace and
reconciliation for our world.**

Forgive us, God of our salvation.

**Open our hearts to our siblings all
around us.**

**Open our minds to the word of hope you
speak to us.**

**Open our spirits to the presence of Jesus
Christ, our Lord and Savior,
who flings wide the open doors of your
kingdom,
that all might find life with you.**

AMEN.

cont.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

Pastor

Receive the good news, my friends: Christ came
searching for us, calling us by name, leading us into
God's kingdom.

**In Christ, we become new people:
empty, we are made full;
lost, we are found;
dead in sin, we are made alive.
Thanks be to God. AMEN.**

THE GLORIA PATRI*

UMH #70

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE PSALM

Psalm 85

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Larry Sue

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us Text & Tune at UMH #381

THE THANKSGIVING & DOXOLOGY*

UMH #94

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Colossians 2: 6 - 19

THE MESSAGE

The Reverend Don Ackerman

Made You Alive

THE CLOSING HYMN*

UMH #610

We Know That Christ is Raised

THE BENEDICTION*

THE POSTLUDE

William Mathias

Postlude

* - Please stand as you are able
UMH - The United Methodist Hymnal

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

The Reverend Don Ackerman

Pastor

Megan Smith

Liturgist

Julie Smith

Director of Children's Ministries

The Crossroads Handbell Choir

Karen Zotta, *Director*

William Kendrick

Guest Organist

Happy
Birthday

7/29 - Alex Keller,

William Rogers

8/1 - Jeff Dafler,

Mary Jo Dowell, Vanessa Klotz

8/2 - Joan Golladay, Jane Hose

8/3 - Carolyn Pierson,

Jack Stark

The Village

A Moms-Helping-Moms Ministry

Our Village ministry is currently in need of:

Clothes for Boys, up to 2 years

Cribs

Pack and Plays

High Chairs

Please bring your donation to the church office
or see Erin Ackerman

Fall Newsletter

Deadline: Sunday, August 24

*Our next print newsletter will be our special Fall edition
for September, October and November*

*Submit your Fall meeting times
and other announcements to Christopher Dazey:
christopher@crossroads120.org*

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cantonforallpeople.org/email

To help keep our sacred space clean, at the conclusion of the service,
please return this bulletin to one of the wooden tables located throughout the sanctuary

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