

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

INTROIT

† CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth.

P: Break forth, O mountains, into singing!

L: For the Lord has comforted his people.

P: The Lord will have compassion on his suffering ones.

† HYMN *Christ Is Alive* UMH #318

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION - *Traditional Native American Prayer*

O Great Spirit, whose voice we hear in the winds, and whose breath gives life to all the world, hear us. We come before you as your children. We are small and weak; we need your strength and wisdom. Let us walk in beauty and make our eyes ever behold the red and purple sunset. May our hands respect the things you have made, our ears be sharp to hear your voice. Make us wise, so that we may know the things you have taught your people, the lessons you have hidden in every leaf and rock. We seek strength not to be superior to our brothers and sisters, but to live in harmony with ourselves and all of your creation. Help us to be ever ready to come to you, so when life fades as a fading sunset, our spirits may come to you without shame. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 4

¹ Answer me when I call, O God of my right! You gave me room when I was in distress. Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer. ² How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame? How long will you love vain words and seek after lies? *Selah* ³ But know that the LORD has set apart the faithful for himself; the LORD hears when I call to him. ⁴ When you are disturbed, do not sin; ponder it on your beds, and be silent. *Selah* ⁵ Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD. ⁶ There are many who say, "O that we might see some good! Let the light of your face shine on us, O LORD!" ⁷ You have put gladness in my heart more than when their grain and wine

abound. ⁸ I will both lie down and sleep in peace, for you alone, O LORD, make me lie down in safety.

CHILDREN'S TIME

† HYMN *He Touched Me* UMH #367

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 John 3:1-7

¹ See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³ And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. ⁴ Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵ You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶ No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷ Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

MESSAGE *"That's Our Faith"* Rev. David Magruder

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *A Modern Affirmation* UMH #885

† GLORIA PATRI UMH #71

† HYMN *He Lives* UMH #310

† BENEDICTION



