

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

INTROIT

† CALL TO WORSHIP

L: For it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts.

**P: To give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.**

L: So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near;

**P: For through him all of us have access in one Spirit to the Father.**

† HYMN *Hail to the Lord’s Anointed* UMH #203

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Lord Jesus Christ, you are the way of peace. Come into the brokenness of our lives and our land with your healing love. Help us to be willing to bow before you in true repentance, and to bow to one another in real forgiveness. By the fire of your Holy Spirit, melt our hard hearts and consume the pride and prejudice which separate us. Fill us, O Lord, with your perfect love, which casts out our fear, and bind us together in that unity which you share with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON 2 Samuel 12:1-10, 13

But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD, <sup>1</sup> and the LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him and said to him, “There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. <sup>2</sup> The rich man had very many flocks and herds, <sup>3</sup> but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb that he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare and drink from his cup and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. <sup>4</sup> Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man’s lamb and prepared that for the guest who had come to him.” <sup>5</sup> Then David’s anger

was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, “As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; <sup>6</sup> he shall restore the lamb fourfold because he did this thing and because he had no pity.”

<sup>7</sup> Nathan said to David, “You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; <sup>8</sup> I gave you your master’s house and your master’s wives into your bosom and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah, and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. <sup>9</sup> Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and have taken his wife to be your wife and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. <sup>10</sup> Now, therefore, the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. <sup>13</sup> David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the LORD.” Nathan said to David, “Now the LORD has put away your sin; you shall not die.”

CHILDREN’S TIME

OFFERING & DOXOLOGY

† HYMN *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* UMH #211

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Ephesians 3:14-21

<sup>14</sup> For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup> from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. <sup>16</sup> I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit <sup>17</sup> and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. <sup>18</sup> I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth <sup>19</sup> and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. <sup>20</sup> Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, <sup>21</sup> to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

MESSAGE *“It’s God’s Doing”* Rev. David Magruder

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER

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

† GLORIA PATRI UMH #70

† HYMN

*Tell Me the Stories of Jesus*

UMH #277

† BENEDICTION



**CHRISTMAS  
IN JULY**



***Call to Confession***

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