

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

INTROIT

† CALL TO WORSHIP Revelation 21

L: We shall see a new heaven and earth, for the old will pass away.
P: We shall see a new Jerusalem, the holy city descending from heaven.

L: The city shall need no sun or moon for God’s glory will be its light.
P: God will wipe away all our tears, and there shall be no more death.

L: Our Lord testifies to these things: “Behold, I am coming soon.”
P: The grace of the Lord is with us. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! Come!

† HYMN *Crown Him with Many Crowns* UMH #327

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of grace and glory, we thank you that you judge us not by the perfection of our actions, but by our readiness to live boldly by faith. Help us, as individuals and as a congregation, to trust you and follow where you lead, that in Christ, your name may be glorified in all the earth. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 148

¹ Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!
² Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host! ³ Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars! ⁴ Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the heavens! ⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created. ⁶ He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed. ⁷ Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, ⁸ fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!
⁹ Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! ¹⁰ Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds! ¹¹ Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! ¹² Young men and women alike, old and young together! ¹³ Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above

earth and heaven. ¹⁴ He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the LORD!

CHILDREN’S TIME

† HYMN *O How I Love Jesus* UMH #170

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 11:1-18

¹ Now the apostles and the brothers and sisters who were in Judea heard that the gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³ saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” ⁴ Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵ “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners, and it came close to me. ⁶ As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷ I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ ⁸ But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord, for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ ⁹ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ ¹⁰ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹ At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹² The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. ¹³ He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴ he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ ¹⁵ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶ And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” ¹⁸ When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

MESSAGE *“It’s A Tough Crowd”* Rev. David Magruder

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER

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

† GLORIA PATRI UMH #70

† HYMN

For the Beauty of the Earth

UMH #92

† BENEDICTION

† *Stand as you are able*



Today Mission Sunday

Following our worship service today, we will be assembling 600 hygiene kits for UMCOR to take to the 2025 Virginia Annual Conference!
Please join us in the Social Hall to be a part of this ministry!

Lectionary for May/June 2025

May 25

Acts 16:9-15
Psalm 67
Revelation 23:10, 22:5
John 14:23-29

June 1

Acts 16:16-34
Psalm 97
Revelation 22:12-21
John 17:20-26

June 8

Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-35b
Romans 8:14-17
John 14:8-17

June 15

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
Psalm 8
Romans 5:1-5
John 16:12-15

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