

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

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Wellspring of Life. We gather before you today with joy and celebration. We have taken many paths to get here. We come before you today with expectations, with desires, with hesitations, with our whole selves. People who desire water from the well. Water that leads to eternal life. But we cannot do that without community. None of our lives happen in a vacuum and we are all intricately connected. May we celebrate the paths that have led us to this place together. May we share in what is and what is yet to come. May we find connection to one another and you as we gather at the well. Amen

Prelude

* Opening Hymn “And We Are Yet Alive” UMH 553 verses 1,2, 4, 6

* Call to Worship

Child of God: welcome!

Welcome to this place of love and grace,

Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community,

God invites all of us to share in the good news:

We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are.

In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

Children’s Sermon

Scripture

John 4:4-26

Sermon

BEing WELL to Love Without Limits Susan Williams

Hymn

“Thy Word is a Lamp”

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Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Sharing briefly the ways that we can be praying for us and others.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Offering

It is an ancient practice to make offerings to God as part of our worship. Today, this offering may be a prayer, a financial gift, or a renewed or new commitment to ministry. Feel free to use the Connect Card in the bulletin to share that prayer or commitment and place it in the offering plate.

* Doxology

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* Prayer of Dedication (from UMH Worship and Song, Leaders’ Edition)

God of New Beginnings, we seek to do everything in the name of Jesus. We desire to live in compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience. As we place an offering upon your altar, we believe that we are moving closer to this desire. Help us to live with your peace ruling our hearts. We are so thankful! In Jesus’s name, we pray Amen

Hymn

“Siyahamba”

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Benediction

As John Wesley would say: Do all the good you can, for all the people you can, in all the ways you can, as long as ever you can”. This coming week look for the “all “opportunities God puts into your life.

Go in peace to serve God and your neighbor in all that you do.

We are sent in Christ’s name. Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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