



A Stephen Ministry Congregation

## Sixteenth Sunday in Kingdomtide

*The liturgical color is green, symbolizing rebirth.*

**September 20, 2020**

11:00 A.M. SERVICE OF WORD

### **An Order of Sunday Worship**

\*please stand in body/spirit

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

##### PRELUDE

*Brother James Air* | setting Dale Wood | Dr. Bob Knupp, organ

\*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY (please stand in body/spirit)

\*CALL TO WORSHIP | “A Travel Blessing” from *Common Prayer: A Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals*  
God, who is present in sunrise and nightfall  
and in the crossing of the sea,  
**guide your feet as you go.**

God, who is with you when you sit  
and when you stand,  
**encompass you with love  
and lead you by the hand.**

God, who knows your path  
and the places where you rest,  
**be with you in your waiting,  
be your good news for sharing,  
and lead you in the way that is everlasting.**

##### \*HYMN OF PRAISE

*The God of Abraham Praise* | The United Methodist Hymnal, 116  
Text: *The Yiqdal* of Daniel ben Judah, ca. 1400; Music: Hebrew Melody; Tune: LEONI

**The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above;  
Ancient of Everlasting Days, and God of love;  
Jehovah, great I AM! by earth and heaven confessed;  
I bow and bless the sacred name forever blest.**

**The great I AM has sworn; I on this oath depend.  
I shall, on eagle wings upborne, to heaven ascend.**

**I shall behold God's face; I shall God's power adore,  
and sing the wonders of God's grace forevermore.**

**The heavenly land I see, with peace and plenty blest;  
a land of sacred liberty, and endless rest.  
There milk and honey flow, and oil and wine abound,  
and trees of life forever grow with mercy crowned.**

**The God who reigns on high the great archangels sing,  
and "Holy, holy, holy!" cry "Almighty King!  
Who was, and is, the same, and evermore shall be:  
Jehovah, Lord, the great I AM, we worship thee!"**

**\*GOSPEL LESSON | Matthew 4:18-22 | NRSV**

**4** <sup>18</sup> As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, ‘Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.’ <sup>20</sup>Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup>As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup>Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | Apostles' Creed | The United Methodist Hymnal, 881**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead and buried;  
the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI | The United Methodist Hymnal, 70**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen. Amen.**

**ANTHEM**

*Sanctuary* | John Thompson and Randy Scroggs setting Peggy Bettcher | Chancel Bells

## PRAYER & PRAISE

THANKSGIVINGS | CONCERNS

CONGREGATIONAL CALL TO PRAYER

*Come and Find the Quiet Center* | The Faith We Sing, 2128

Tune: BEACH SPRING; Text: Shirley Erena Murray; Music: Attr. to B. F. White

**Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,  
find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed;  
Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes that we can see  
all the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER | The United Methodist Hymnal, 895

OFFERTORY

*How Beautiful* | Twila Paris setting Peggy Bettcher | Chancel Bells

CHILDREN'S MOMENT | Meg Hanes

PRAYER FOR THE BIRTH OF A CHILD

**Riley James Till**

Son of Lori and Andy Till

**Lord, you are the Creator of all life. Thank you for the gift of Riley and all the children in the world.  
Help us to live so that they will know you. Amen.**

ANTHEM

*Serenity* | Bill Ingram | Chancel Bells

## PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON | Genesis 12:1-4 | NRSV

12 <sup>1</sup> Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup> I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

<sup>4</sup> So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

The Word of God, for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

THE JOURNEY, Part 3 of 4 | Rev. Cary Stockett

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE**

*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* | The Faith We Sing, 2129

Text: Anon.; Music: Anon.; Tune: ASSAM

**I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus  
no turning back, no turning back.**

**The world behind me, the cross before me,  
The world behind me, the cross before me,  
The world behind me, the cross before me  
no turning back, no turning back.**

**Though none go with me, still I will follow,  
Though none go with me, still I will follow,  
Though none go with me, still I will follow  
no turning back, no turning back.**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** | *The Book of Common Prayer*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Silent prayer.*

**\*ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON**

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

**SENDING FORTH**

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

*Faith, While Trees Are Still in Blossom* | The United Methodist Hymnal, 508

Text: Anders Frostenson, 1960; Music: V. Earl Copes, 1960; Tune: FOR THE BREAD

Faith, while trees are still in blossom,  
plans the picking of the fruit;  
faith can feel the thrill of harvest  
when the buds begin to sprout.

Long before the dawn is breaking,  
faith anticipates the sun.  
Faith is eager for the daylight,  
for the work that must be done.

Long before the rains were coming,  
Noah went and built an ark.  
Abraham, the lonely migrant,  
saw the Light beyond the dark.

Faith, uplifted, tamed the water  
of the undivided sea,  
and the people of the Hebrews  
found the path that made them free.

Faith, believes that God is faithful:  
God will be what God will be!  
Faith accepts the call, responding:  
"I am willing; Lord, Send me."

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*Toccata* | Dietrich Buxtehude | Dr. Bob Knupp, organ

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
Ray McCullen on the anniversary of his 95th birthday by his family.*

*The red rosebud on the altar is given to the glory of God and in celebration of the birth of  
Riley James Till, son of Lori and Andy Till, born on July 9, 2020 in Jackson, Mississippi.*

*Liturgists:*  
Meg Hanes; Sharon Davis

*Pastors:*

Rev. Cary Stockett, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Susannah Grubbs Carr, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Lori G. Till, Pastor to Church and Society

**Our Mission:**

To extend the Love of God;  
the Grace of Jesus Christ;  
and the Power of the Holy Spirit.

**WELCOME!**

*We are pleased you joined us in worship. If you are looking for a church home speak with one of our pastors or staff, contact information found on our church website [www.gallowayumc.org](http://www.gallowayumc.org)*

**ALTERNATIVE WAYS TO GIVE**

- online [www.gallowayumc.org](http://www.gallowayumc.org)
- Snail Mail to Galloway UMC  
305 North Congress Street  
Jackson, MS 39201
- Contact Sherry Russum at 601-326-3441 or [srussum@gallowayumc.org](mailto:srussum@gallowayumc.org) to set up a bank draft.

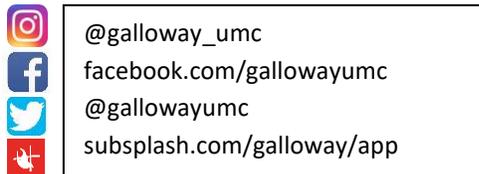
**SE HABLA ESPANOL**

*Llame Caroline Temple Smith a 601-326-3450 recibir el boletin de worship de Español.*

**WORSHIP WITH US AT HOME**

*Sundays at 11:00 a.m. BROADCAST LIVE on WAPT or ONLINE & archived worship at [www.livestream.com/gallowayumc](http://www.livestream.com/gallowayumc)*

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