

PRELUDE

GREETING & GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

The cornerstone that the builders rejected is our foundation and our strength.

Christ, we build our lives on you.

Those who turn from God and forsake God's ways labor in vain.

Christ, we set our hearts on you.

The ways of life are hidden from the unrighteous.

Christ, we place our hopes on you.

HYMN - Jesus Shall Reign UMH 157

<p>1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run; his kingdom spread from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.</p> <p>3. People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song; and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.</p> <p>5. Let every creature rise and bring honors peculiar to our King; angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen!</p>	<p>2. To Jesus endless prayer be made, and endless praises crown his head; his name like sweet perfume shall rise with every morning sacrifice.</p> <p>4. Blessings abound where'er he reigns; all prisoners leap and loose their chains; the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.</p>
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PRAYER

The mercy of Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray together: **Cornerstone of our faith, please do not abandon us when we fall away from you. You are the true master of the vineyard; we are here to work in your fields and make disciples throughout the world. Bring us into the joy of your kingdom that we might taste the sweetness of your mercy and share the joy of your grace. Amen.**

RESPONSE - Only Trust Him UMH 337 (verses 1 & 3)

**Come, every soul by sin oppressed,
there's mercy with the Lord; and he will
surely give you rest, by trusting in his
Word.**

***REFRAIN: Only trust him, only trust him,
only trust him now. He will save you, he
will save you, he will save you now.***

**Yes, Jesus is the truth, the way that
leads us into rest; believe in him with-
out delay, and you are fully blest.**

THE OFFERING

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 21:33-46

“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

‘The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord’s doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes’?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

HOMILY

"The Wrath of Grapes"



ANTHEM

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation - This is the feast of God's goodness. **Let us break bread together.**

This is the sabbath of our souls. **Let us break bread together.**

This is the promise of resurrection and life. **Let us break bread together.**

This is the gift of Christ's love for us. **Let us break bread together.**

Confession - Let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law; we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(silent confession)

Pardon - Hear the good news: God did not send his Son, Jesus, into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving -

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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And so in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here and everywhere who now share this meal and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ that we may for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other and one in ministry to all the world until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. **Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE BREAKING OF BREAD & SHARING THE CUP

INVITATION

HYMN - TAKE MY LIFE, AND LET IT BE UMH 399

<p>1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent word! What more can he say than to you he hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?</p> <p>2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God and will still give thee aid; I'll strengthen and help thee, and cause thee to stand upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.</p> <p>3. "When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow; for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.</p>	<p>4. "When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie, my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply; the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.</p> <p>5. "The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes; that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."</p>
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BENEDICTION

Go in Peace
**Stand Firm in your Faith. Be Strong. Be Brave.
Let Everything You Do Be Done in Love.**

POSTLUDE