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WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

*** Congregation is invited to stand in heart or posture**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Tallis' Canon

Arranged by Gordon Young

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Welcome to our online church family
- The flowers on the altar are given in honor of Kent and Marlene Mitchell's 70th wedding anniversary on August 18 - from their family.
- Rice and Soy Meal packing for Midwest Mission after worship today.
- Greeters needed on Sunday mornings
- Perceptions Praise Team rehearsals have begun on Thursdays at 6:00 pm. If you are interested in joining, contact a member of the Praise Team or Barbara Zachow for more information.
- Chancel Choir rehearsals begin this week Wednesday, August 19, at 7:00 pm in the Choir Room. All are welcome!
- September 13: Rally Day - Join us for a meal after the service from Cracker Barrel. RSVP by calling the church office.
- If you haven't already, you can sign up for a Wesley Covenant Group at the table in Friendship Center South following this morning's worship service.

OUTREACH MOMENT

Pam Burnside

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Loving Lord, teach us.

People: Teach us how to serve our community with love. Teach us how to give generously of our time and gifts. Teach us how to face conflict with courage. Teach us how to live our faith boldly.

Leader: Speak to us, Lord.

People: Speak through your Word. Speak through our worship. Speak through your prophets and preachers. Speak through the still, small voice within.

Leader: God of life, we are listening.

People: Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 122**

God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale

1. God of the sparrow God of the whale
God of the swirling stars
How does the creature say Awe
How does the creature say Praise

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2. God of the earthquake God of the storm
God of the trumpet blast
How does the creature cry Woe
How does the creature cry Save
3. God of the rainbow
God of the cross
God of the empty grave
How does the creature say Grace
How does the creature say Thanks
4. God of the hungry
God of the sick
God of the prodigal
How does the creature say Care
How does the creature say Life
5. God of the neighbor
God of the foe
God of the pruning hook
How does the creature say Love
How does the creature say Peace
6. God of the ages
God near at hand
God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy
How do your children say Home

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Holy God, in moments of uncertainty and distress, we seek a powerful, tangible sense of your presence. Illuminate our paths with your wisdom and grace, leading us through the shadows of doubt. Grant us the strength to trust in your plan, and the clarity to discern your will. May we find peace in your presence, knowing you are our steadfast guide. Amen.

ACT OF PRAISE

Greater

Jaxon and Pamela Pendleton, duet

Verse 1

Bring your tired and bring your shame
Bring your guilt and bring your pain
Don't you know that's not your name
You will always be much more to me

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Pre-Chorus

Every day I wrestle with the voices
That keep telling me I'm not right

Chorus

'Cause I hear a voice and He calls me redeemed
When others say I'll never be enough
And greater is the One living inside of me
Than he who is living in the world
In the world in the world
And greater is the One living inside of me
Than he who is living in the world

Verse 2

Bring your doubts and bring your fears
Bring your hurt and bring your tears
There'll be no condemnation here
You are holy righteous and redeemed

Pre-Chorus

Every time I fall
There'll be those who will call me a mistake
Well that's ok

Chorus

'Cause I hear a voice...

Interlude 1

Woah oh oh

Woah oh

(He's greater He's greater)

Interlude 2

Woah oh oh

Woah oh

Bridge

There'll be days I lose the battle
Grace says that it doesn't matter
'Cause the cross already won the war
(He's greater He's greater)

I am learning to run freely
Understanding just how He sees me

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And it makes me love Him more and more
(He's greater He's greater)

Chorus
'Cause I hear a voice...

Ending
Than he who is living in the world

WE HEAR THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS
Meredith Garreau

SCRIPTURE READING
I Kings 19:1-16

¹ Now Ahab told Jezebel everything Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ² So Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah to say, "May the gods deal with me, be it ever so severely, if by this time tomorrow I do not make your life like that of one of them."

³ Elijah was afraid and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there, ⁴ while he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness. He came to a broom bush, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. "I have had enough, Lord," he said. "Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors." ⁵ Then he lay down under the bush and fell asleep.

All at once an angel touched him and said, "Get up and eat." ⁶ He looked around, and there by his head was some bread baked over hot coals, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again.

⁷ The angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, "Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you." ⁸ So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, he traveled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God. ⁹ There he went into a cave and spent the night.

And the word of the Lord came to him: "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

¹⁰ He replied, "I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too."

¹¹ The Lord said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by."

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Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. ¹² After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.

Then a voice said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

¹⁴ He replied, "I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too."

¹⁵ The Lord said to him, "Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

WITNESS TO THE WORD

A Beautiful Mess - Elijah: Saved By a Sacred Pause
Pastor Paul Arnold

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

RESPONSE IN SONG NO. 2272 (twice)

Holy Ground

We are standing on holy ground,
and I know that there are angels all around;
let us praise Jesus now;
we are standing in his presence on holy ground.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

THE OFFERING OF OUR WHOLE SELVES

Invitation to the Offering

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Offertory

I Will Rise

Led by Perceptions Praise Team

Verse 1: There's a peace I've come to know
Though my heart and flesh may fail
There's an anchor for my soul
I can say it is well

Pre-Chorus: Jesus has overcome
And the grave is overwhelmed
The victory is won
He is risen from the dead

Chorus: (And) I will rise when He calls my name
No more sorrow no more pain
I will rise on eagle's wings
Before my God fall on my knees
And rise I will rise (I will rise)

Verse 2: There's a day that's drawing near
When this darkness breaks to light
And the shadows disappear
And my faith shall be my eyes

Pre-Chorus: Jesus has overcome...

Chorus: (And) I will rise...

Bridge: And I hear the voice of many angels sing
Worthy is the Lamb
And I hear the cry of ev'ry longing heart
Worthy is the Lamb

Bridge: And I hear the voice...
Worthy is the Lamb

Chorus: (And) I will rise...

*Doxology No. 94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise God all creatures here below!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

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Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*HYMN NO. 583

You Are the Seed

1. You are the seed that will grow a new sprout;
you're a star that will shine in the night;
you are the yeast and a small grain of salt,
a beacon to glow in the dark.
You are the dawn that will bring a new day;
you're the wheat that will bear golden grain;
you are a sting and a soft, gentle touch,
my witnesses where'er you go.

Refrain: Go, my friends, go to the world,
proclaiming love to all,
messengers of my forgiving peace,
eternal love.

Be, my friends, a loyal witness,
from the dead I arose;
"Lo, I'll be with you forever,
till the end of the world."

2. You are the flame that will lighten the dark,
sending sparkles of hope, faith, and love;
you are the shepherds to lead the whole world
through valleys and pastures of peace.
You are the friends that I chose for myself,
the word that I want to proclaim.
You are the new kingdom built on a rock
where justice and truth always reign.

Refrain: Go, my friends, go to the world...

3. You are the life that will nurture the plant;
you're the waves in a turbulent sea;
yesterday's yeast is beginning to rise,
a new loaf of bread it will yield.
There is no place for a city to hide,
nor a mountain can cover its might;
may your good deeds show a world in despair
a path that will lead all to God.

Refrain: Go, my friends, go to the world...

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WE GO FORTH TO SERVE AND WITNESS

*GET CONNECTED AND SENDING FORTH

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Bell Allegro
John Stanley

WORSHIP TEAM

We are extremely grateful for the many people who work together to bring worship to our church family! Our thanks this week goes to:

Reverend Paul Arnold, Directing Pastor
Ray Wiggs, Organist
Keith Pogue, Liturgist
Catie Ford, Cantor
Pam Burnside, Outreach Moment
Jaxon and Pamela Pendleton, Duet
Meredith Garreau, Children's Moments
Perceptions Praise Team
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THE MUSIC

God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale

The United Methodist Hymnal Number 122

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1983

Music: Carl F. Schalk, 1983

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Tune: ROEDER; Meter: 546.77

Greater

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Holy Ground

The Faith We Sing No. 2272

Text: Geron Davis (Exod. 3:5)

Music: Geron Davis

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Tune: HOLY GROUND; Meter: Irregular

I Will Rise

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Doxology

The United Methodist Hymnal Number 94

Text: Thomas Ken, 1674; adapt. by Gilbert H. Vieira, 1978

Music: Geistliche Kirchengesänge, 1623; harm. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN; Meter: 88.44.88 with Refrain

You Are the Seed

The United Methodist Hymnal Number 583

Text: Cesareo Gabaraín, 1979; trans. by Raquel Guitérrez-Achon and Skinner Chávez-Melo
(Mt. 28:19-20)

Music: Cesareo Gabaraín, 1979, harm. by Skinner Chávez-Melo, 1987

Tune: IL Y ENSEÑAD; Meter: 10 9.10 8 with Refrain

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME! It is a privilege to extend Christ's welcome to you.

PLEASE REGISTER your attendance by commenting on our Facebook page during the worship service.

WEBSITE please explore our website! champaignfumc.org

NEWCOMERS If you are new to our community of faith, our pastor would like to have a conversation with you and get to know you better. Pastor Paul wants to be your pastor and he hopes FUMC will be your church home. Please fill out the CONNECTION CARD found on our website. <https://www.champaignfumc.org/connection-sheet>

SIGN UP FOR MORE! We would like to communicate with you by email newsletter! If you

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would like to receive letters from the pastor and church news, please go to our website, champaignfumc.org, and fill out our CONNECTION CARD!
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PRAYER REQUESTS If you would like prayers, email your prayer request to:
info@champaignfumc.org

PASTORAL VISITS Pastor Paul is available for visits during the afternoons, most Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. For an appointment, please call Sharon Johnson in the church office (217-356-9078).

PRAYER WARRIORS If you would like to be an FUMC Prayer Warrior, please contact Sharon Johnson at: sjohnson@champaignfumc.org

UPCOMING

Sunday, August 16

9:00am FUMC Bible Study Sign-Up

9:30am Adult Sunday School Session

10:30am In-Person Worship Service

10:30am Worship Service On Facebook and YouTube

11:30am Rice/Soy Meal Packing Event

4:00pm Summer Event for Kids & Families at Elevate Trampoline Park

Monday, August 17

Tuesday, August 18

9:00am Tuesday Morning Book Club

10:30am All Staff Meeting

11:30am Walking Talking Lunch Bunch - Mezza House

5:30pm Board of Trustees

6:00pm Stephen Ministry Training

Wednesday, August 19

1:00pm Wednesday Recovery Group

7:00pm Chancel Choir

7:30pm Venturing Crew 1

Thursday, August 20

8:30am Messenger Deadline

6:00pm Perceptions Praise Team

Friday, August 21

Saturday, August 22

Sunday, August 23

10:30am In-Person Worship Service

10:30am Worship Service On Facebook and YouTube

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