

✠ DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING
✠ CHORAL BENEDICTORY
✠ POSTLUDE and RECESSIONAL

Rev. Dr. Alyce McKenzie

Joint Choirs

Mila Abbasova



September 22, 2024

Worship begins at 10:00 A.M.

Thank you for joining us for worship today!

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WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Rev. Dr. Alyce McKenzie, Rev. Lane Boyd, Dr. Robert Hanson
Lay Liturgist . . . Phillip Periman

Cross Bearer . . . Sadie Ray; Acolyte . . . Edison Ho-Gland

Ushers: Kaci Jones, Ross Clopton, Sam & Carol Lovelady

Greeters:

I. GATHERING

PRELUDE and PROCESSIONAL Mila Abbasova
LIGHTING of the ALTAR CANDLES Acolytes
Inviting the Cross and Light of Christ Into Our Lives and Worship

WORDS OF GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Lane Boyd
MISSION MINUTE Rev. Rebecca Vardiman

TIME OF CENTERING and STILLNESS
CENTERING PRAYER of the PEOPLE Phillip Periman
Together, let us pray . . . **Be still and know that I am God. May the peace that passes understanding fill our hearts and minds with wisdom, joy and courage in this hour of worship. Amen.**

✠CALL TO WORSHIP Phillip Periman
One: The heavens are telling the glory of God.
All: The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.
One: Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to You.
All: You are our rock and our redeemer!

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE UMH No. 57
"O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" V 1, 2, 3, 4, & 7

CALL TO CONFESSION Rev. Lane Boyd
One: The psalmist asks "Who can detect their errors?" and prays "Clear me from hidden faults." In that spirit we together confess our shortcomings to God:

SILENT CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
All: We confess that we do not begin and end each day with praise to you. We quickly get drawn into our fears, disregarding your daily invitation to notice the beauty of the world around us and the peace, joy, and wisdom you offer within us. Summon us from this path of shadows to the path illuminated by Your Son, the Word made flesh, the light of the world. Calm, energize and guide us as we recommit ourselves to your service this and every new day. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE Rev. Lane Boyd
One: The mercies of God are new every morning and great is the faithfulness of God.
All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

✠PASSING OF THE PEACE Rev. Lane Boyd
One: The peace of Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.

II. PROCLAMATION and RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Rev. Dr. Alyce McKenzie

✠OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 19:1-14

ANTHEM "Christian Hearts in Love United" Joint Choirs

✠GOSPEL READING John 1:1-5, 14, 18
One: The peace of Christ be with you.
All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Training Day!" Rev. Dr. Alyce McKenzie

✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH UMH No. 886
"From The World Methodist Social Affirmation "

JOYS, CONCERNS, and PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Lane Boyd

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH No. 895

✠ HYMN "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" UMH No. 400

III. THANKSGIVING

INVITATION to the OFFERING Phillip Periman
Let the ushers present themselves at the Lord's Table.

ANTHEM Mila Abbasova

✠SONG OF THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE Phillip Periman
Praise God whose breath fills all the earth;
Whose love reveals our secret worth;
Whose spirit forms one family;
Whose grace brings peace and harmony. Amen

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Phillip Periman
Together let us pray:
Generous God, we return to you these gifts, not only of our resources, but also of our lives. Sanctify us and use us to work out your purposes in the world. Amen.

IV. SENDING FORTH

✠ HYMN OF GOING FORTH UMH No. 399
"Take My Life and Let it Be"