

MIDDLESETTLEMENTS UMC

Service of Worship

February 7, 2021

GATHERING

Welcome

To those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. —1 Corinthians 1:2-3

Prelude

Opening Prayer

The prayer begins:

Open my lips, O Lord,

And my mouth shall proclaim your praise. —Psalm 51:15

Praise

Rise and Be Healed

Healing

PROCLAMATION

Prayer for Illumination

**Lord God, may your Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.** —from Psalm 119:105

Children's Sermon

Scripture—Luke 7:1-17

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

RESPONSE

Praise, Goodness of God

Service of Confirmation

There is one Body and one Spirit;

There is one hope in God's call to us;

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

One God and Father of all.

Brothers and sisters in Christ: through the Sacrament of Baptism, we are initiated into Christ's holy church.

We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit.

All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

Through confirmation, and through the reaffirmation of our faith, we renew the covenant declared at our baptism, acknowledge what God is doing for us, and affirm our commitment to Christ's holy church.

Presentation and Examination of Candidate

On behalf of the whole church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin? *I do.*

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves? *I do.*

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord? *I do.*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support and encourage these candidates in their life in Christ? **We will.**

Affirmation of Faith

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe 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. On the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.]

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

[the holy universal church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.]

Will you remain a faithful member of Christ's holy church and continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers? **I will, with God's help.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ? **I will, with God's help.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself? **I will, with God's help.**

Prayer for the Candidate

Almighty God, renew in these your servants Emily, Emilie, Wesley, and Dawson the covenant you made with them at their baptism and bring to completion the good work you have begun in them.

Fill them with joy and peace as they trust in You, so that they may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

—Rom. 15:13

Flood their hearts with light, so that they can understand the confident hope to which You have called them, the riches of the glorious inheritance You have given to Your holy people, and Your incomparably great power for those who believe.

—Eph. 1:18-19

Give them the knowledge of Your will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that they can live lives worthy of You and pleasing to You in every way.

—Col. 1:9-10

From your glorious, unlimited resources, empower them with inner strength by the Spirit, that You may make your home in them as they trust in You.

—Eph. 3:16-17

Empower them to understand how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ for them.

—Eph. 3:18

May they experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully, that they may be complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from You.

—Eph. 3:19

And grant that all who have been redeemed from the old life of sin by our baptism into the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, may be renewed in your Holy Spirit, and live in righteousness and true holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Confirmation of Faith, Bryson Sisk

Reception of New Members

As members of Christ's universal church, will you be loyal to Christ through the United Methodist Church, and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries? *I will.*

As members of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness? *I will.*

Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you into the household of God. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified.

Give, Serve, Grow

Giving is an act of worship & an expression of gratitude to God. We offer Him ourselves and the material world He has placed under our care. Our tithes and offerings become a means of spreading the gospel, strengthening disciples, and serving the needy. Online giving has been set up through a link on our website (go to the "At-Home Worship" tab of www.middle settlements.com) or directly at <https://faithlife.com/middle settlements/give>. Offerings may also be set up through your bank's Automatic Bill Payment or mailed to: Middle settlements UMC/2729 Middle settlements Rd/Maryville, TN, 37801.

For more information on serving in our church and community, contact the church office at 865.982.4799 or umc.middle settlements@gmail.com

Pray

The congregation responds to each petition:

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

- ✦ **Kim Woods Lovato, Andi Love Lawhorn, J.B. O'Connor, Leona Mote, Carolyn Crisp, Juanita Brown, Wilma Glandon**
- ✦ *Donnie & Dora Hooks request prayer for her sister, **Kathy Atmore & Kathy's church (COVID)***
- ✦ *the Marcus family requests prayer for Justin's father, **Kermit Marcus (ill)***
- ✦ *Jenna Rogers & Kate Keylon request prayer for their grandfather, **Malcolm Rhodes***
- ✦ *Howie & Rachel Ammons request prayer for brother-in-law, **Bruce Rudder (battling cancer)***
- ✦ *Mary Justice requests prayer for her son, **Donnie Swanner***
- ✦ *Maria Carpenter Wright requests prayer for her great-nephew **Luke (leukemia)**, sister **Linda (lupus, asthma, & Meniere's Disease)** and friend **Dianne (lung cancer)**.*
- ✦ *Keith & Leslie McAmis request prayer for her sister, **Susan Philips**, who is in chemo*
- ✦ *Judy Goodson requests prayer for her brother **Jim Lester**, who is battling liver cancer*
- ✦ *Bridget Jenkins requests prayer for her daughter **Holly Child**, battling cancer*
- ✦ *the **friends and family of Teresa Giuliani (d. 1/31/21)***

The prayer concludes:

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.

SENDING FORTH

Benediction

May the Lord bless you and keep you;
May he make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
May he turn his face toward you and give you peace.
In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Amen.

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Worship Notes

SCRIPTURES WE READ:

SONGS WE SANG:

SERMON NOTES:

SOMETHING NEW I LEARNED:

QUESTIONS I HAVE:

HOW I CAN APPLY THIS TO MY LIFE: