

Traditional Worship Service

Why Should I Go To Church?

March 23, 2025

Questions To God

Length
in mins

5:00 **Prelude**

1:30 **Live Stream Startup**

3:00 **Introit**

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5:00 **Welcome & Announcements**

1:00 **Call To Worship**

Liturgist: Elizabeth Gore Stanley

Leader: We wonder if it is important to come to church.

People: We come to be in God's holy presence.

Leader: We wonder if worshiping with others matters. We want to know.

All: Let us join together with praise on our lips and joy in our hearts!

3:00 ***The Church's One Foundation***

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1:00 **Unison Prayer**

All: God of community, challenge us, surprise us, stretch us as we come together to worship you.

May we find that within our shared stories, Your Story is revealed. Amen.

3:30 **Special Music**

"Joyful, Joyful", Parker UMC Handbells

5:00 **A Time for Children**

Noelle Allison, Director of Children and Families

Indicate special props, placement and movement if known.

1:00 **Scripture Readings**

Psalms 100

5:00 **Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

1:00 **Offering Our Gifts to The Lord - Breakthrough Prayer**

Offering Introduction:

The Bible talks a lot about how we use our money, our time, our energy. Jesus, the Word made flesh, is clear: "No one can serve two masters. You cannot serve God and wealth." You are invited to give as you are able today, not from a place of fear or shame, but from a desire to serve God with all that you are and all that you have.

Offertory Prayer:

Lord of all that is, thank you for your Word – your words in Scripture and the living Word, Jesus. Keep us accountable to your Word, that our offerings might be a blessing to the world he came to save. Amen.

4:00 **Offertory**

"Jubilant Fanfare", Parker UMC Handbells

1:00 ***Doxology***

20:00 **Message**

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Pastor Laura

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1:00 Words of Confession

All: God of Light, we appear naked before you, the secret intentions of our hearts laid bare for you to see. We confess that instead of allowing your Word to actively shape and transform our lives, we manipulate it to suit our own personal agendas. Convict our hearts of our sins, which are rooted in our desire to be masters of our own universe, ruling over others, and possessing all things. Forgive us of our wayward actions and attitudes, O Lord. Free us from our double-mindedness and our efforts to remain in control, so that your holy Word can lead us into life as true disciples of Christ. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

1:00 Words of Assurance

Leader: Sisters, brothers, siblings, hear the Good News! In Jesus, we have a great high priest who knows our weaknesses. It is in his righteousness we boldly stand before the throne of God. May we receive his healing mercy and grace.

3:00 *Forward Through The Ages*

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1:00 Benediction

2:00 Postlude

59:30