



Guided by the Promise:
Companion for the Journey
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PRELUDE / COUNTDOWN

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

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WELCOMING OF GUESTS

PASSING THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Liturgist: Come, let us worship God!

Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Liturgist: Come, let us worship our Shepherd!

We are the sheep of God's pasture, and we follow where God leads us.

Liturgist: Come, let us open our hearts!

We receive God's love poured into our hearts through the Spirit.

Liturgist: Come, let us worship God, the rock of our salvation!

Let us worship God, whose mercy guides and sustains us on the path of new life!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

We Bow Down (v. 1-2)

CEL #154

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Liturgist

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And 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; He descended into Hell; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

UMH #70

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 95 NKJV

Liturgist

95 Oh come, let us sing to the Lord!

Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation.

² Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.

³ For the Lord *is* the great God, And the great King above all gods.

⁴ In His hand *are* the deep places of the earth; The heights of the hills *are* His also.

⁵ The sea *is* His, for He made it; And His hands formed the dry *land*.

⁶ Oh come, let us worship and bow down;

Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

⁷ For He *is* our God, And we *are* the people of His pasture, And the sheep of His hand.

Today, if you will hear His voice:

⁸ "Do not harden your hearts, as in the rebellion,

As *in* the day of trial in the wilderness,

⁹ When your fathers tested Me;

They tried Me, though they saw My work.

¹⁰ For forty years I was grieved with *that* generation,

And said, 'It *is* a people who go astray in their hearts,

And they do not know My ways.'

¹¹ So I swore in My wrath, 'They shall not enter My rest.' "

Liturgist: This is the word of God for the people of God.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

Dear Jesus, Sometimes we try to fill our hearts with things that don't last. Thank You for giving us living water. Fill our hearts with Your love and help us share it with others. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 5:1-11 NKJV

Liturgist

5 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³And not only *that*, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; ⁴and perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

⁶For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. ⁸But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. ¹⁰For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. ¹¹And not only *that*, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

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MISSION MOMENT

PRESENTATION OF PRAYERS AND PRAISE

Pastor

Prayer cards are on the information table. If you have a prayer request that you would like to share with the congregation, please fill out a card and pass it toward the center aisle as we are singing the Hymn of Preparation. The pastor will collect them during the hymn and pray over cards at the chancel rail.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Just As I Am (v. 1-6)

UMH # 357

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor

SERMON

Pastor

Title: Renewed in Mercy

Theme: Companion for the Journey

Main Idea: This Sunday, the gospel reading from John 3 is one that many people know by heart. Its familiarity is a comfort, yet we must not let comfort become complacency.

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND SACRIFICES (Celebrating our Gifts)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of Hope, you call us to rejoice in your sustaining grace, loving presence, and enduring hope. Your Spirit shapes us to give with gratitude. May our gifts show your promise of reconciliation through Christ. Make us bold in sharing, joyful in worship, and confident in your grace. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings

UMH #95

*HYMN OF CELEBRATION

Rock of Ages (v. 1-4)

UMH #361

*COMMISSION / BENEDICTION

Pastor

*Go now in the blessing of God's mercy that companions us all on the journey, opening our hearts to receive and share God's steadfast love until all creation resonates with the joy of new life...and all of God's children said...**Amen.***

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

UMH #557

POSTLUDE

**Please stand as you are able.*