

Traditional Service

August 20, 2017

St. Mark's United Methodist Church

*Changing the world through Christ,
by caring for all people.*



Good News for Today's World **"A Big Meal"**

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What's In a Miracle?

August 20, 2017

8:15 and 9:45 AM Traditional Worship

Please remember to silence your cell phone.

**Please stand as you are comfortable.*

PREPARATION

A world that is constantly changing is looking for something stable and unchanging. That something is Jesus.

Leonard Sweet, "Mother Tongue"

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please fill out your prayer request cards during this time. Pass only prayer requests that you wish to have read aloud to the center aisles at this time.

PRELUDE

Prelude on "O Store Gud"

arr. E.J. Lorenz

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT "Halle, Halle, Halleluja" (sing twice)

The Faith We Sing, No. 2026

***CALL TO WORSHIP †**

Leader: Rejoice, folks, Jesus is in our midst.

People: Feed us, Jesus, and fill us with hope.

Leader: Be glad, friends, Jesus has bread and fish to spare.

People: Free us, Jesus, from the pursuit of food that does not satisfy.

Leader: Sing for joy, people of God; God gathers up the pieces of our lives, that nothing may be lost.

People: Thanks be to God!

***OPENING HYMN**

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"
(stanzas 1 - 3)

United Methodist Hymnal
No. 384

OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, You are our Creator and Sustainer. When You open Your hand, You satisfy the hunger and thirst of every living thing. As You once fed the hungry crowds with five loaves and two small fish, we ask that You would again fill all those who are empty this day. Pour out Your Spirit on all who hunger and thirst. Lord, in Your mercy, open Your hand, and open our hands and hearts, so that no one may be hungry. In Jesus' name. Amen.

INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 6:30-44

New Testament, p. 41

TIME FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

(Sing first stanza of Jesus Loves Me, #191, as children gather.)

OFFERING OF MUSIC

"He Never Failed Me Yet"
Jim Barrett, soloist
Summer Choir

Christopher

MESSAGE

"A Big Meal"

Rev. Sharon Ragland

(Second in the series, "What's In a Miracle?)

CALL TO PRAYER

"They'll Know We are Christians By Our Love"
(stanzas 1 - 3)

TFWS, No. 2223

SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

OFFERING

Offertory	Youth Missions Video	see video monitors
*Doxology	<p>“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”</p> <p>Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!</p> <p>Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!</p>	<i>UMH, No. 94</i>
*Prayer of Dedication		
*CLOSING HYMN	“You Are the Seed” <i>(stanzas 1 & 2)</i>	<i>UMH, No. 583</i>
*SUNG BENEDICTION	“Shalom to You”	<i>UMH, No. 666</i>
*BENEDICTION		
*POSTLUDE	“Sing Praise to God”	arr. Paxton

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