

**LAUREL HEIGHTS  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**January 23, 2022 ▪ 11:00 a.m.**

**Third Sunday after Epiphany**



**Welcome to Sunday Worship**

As we gather, we celebrate the unique gifts God has given to all, believing that our many backgrounds and identities are essential to the shared offering we bring to God through worship, study, friendship, and serving.



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OPEN HEARTS. OPEN MINDS. OPEN DOORS.

# Gather to Worship

## WELCOME

## PRELUDE

*Andante From Sonata in C Major*

J. Rheinberger

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

We are called upon to be things that we've never been before;  
**asked to worship beyond our knowing,  
search beyond our seeing,  
believe beyond our doubting,  
serve beyond the familiar.**

We are asked to love in ways that are new to us,  
give more generously than before, trust more completely.  
**We are asked to be things that we've never been before.  
By grace, may we say yes with our voices and our lives.**

## \*OPENING HYMN

UMH 57

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

## \*OPENING PRAYER

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let us bring love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
and where there is sadness, joy.  
O divine Creator,  
grant that we may not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood, as to understand;  
to be loved, as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive,  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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**Bold print** invites the congregation to read along.

*\*Asterisk means we're invited to stand in body or spirit.*

## Proclamation of the Word

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

Rev. Paul Escamilla

**PSALTER**

Psalm 19: 7-10

UMH 750

response 2

**\*SCRIPTURE**

Luke 4: 14-21

**SERMON**

*Living our why*

Rev. Dr. Tanya Campen

## Response to the Word

**RESPONSE**

*What Does the Lord Require*

UMH 441

*What does the Lord require for praise and offering?  
What sacrifice, desire or tribute did you bring?  
Do justly, love mercy, walk humbly with your God.  
How shall our life fulfill God's law so hard and high?  
Let Christ endue our will with grace to fortify.  
Then justly, in mercy, we'll humbly walk with God.*

**WORD OF WITNESS**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

UMH 883

A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

**\*DOXOLOGY**

UMH 95

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

Feldman/Leavitt

*River in Judea*

*Oftentimes I dream of music of the river that freely flows.  
And it sings a song sweeter than honey, one everybody knows.  
Late at night I hear it singing then again when I wake at dawn.  
And it fills me up with hope and goodwill, the will to go on.  
There is a river in Judea that I heard of long ago.  
And it's a singing ringing river that my souls cries out to know.  
I believe it keeps on travlin' but it rests on the Sabbath day.  
And the time when it passes in stillness I almost hear it pray.  
When I'm weary and downhearted how I long for the song it sings,*

*for the calm within tis gentle blue. the peace that it brings.  
There is a river in Judea...  
May the time not be too distant when we meet by the river shore.  
'Til then dream of that wonderful day as we sing once more:  
There is a river in Judea. . .*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Laura Healy

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

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

UHM 895

**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**

**\*INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

UMH 60

*I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Psalm 20

G. Young

**LITURGIST**  
Paul Bishop

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

**Healing:** Josh Beninger (*Susan Holloway*),  
Lucien Manchester, Doug Semmes, Bryan Allen Myers (*Bill Myers*)  
Elaine Finch (*Kitty Grantham*), Richard Jackson  
Tommy Schwarz (*Annalynn Jackson*),  
Jack Davis (*Melissa Nardi*)  
Douglas Robinson (*Ginnie and Henry Herrera*)

**Presence:** For those affected by the COVID-19 virus and their families, as well as for the caregivers and researchers working to treat those affected and combat the spread of the disease; homebound members; the incarcerated; and women and men in our military.

As we move forward in a pandemic environment, it is essential that we practice safety and courtesy in our congregational gatherings as a matter of self-care and care for others.

- Masks are required at all times while on campus for worship or other activities.
- Maintain social distancing in moving through the building, greeting one another, and choosing seating for worship and Sunday school.
- Sanitize hands on a regular basis.
- Monitor yourself for any Covid-like symptoms prior to leaving home. If you have symptoms, stay home and secure appropriate care, and consider joining us online at [www.laurelheights.org](http://www.laurelheights.org)

January



of the Month

**UMCOR Tornado Relief**

**Follow this link for information in giving!**

<https://umcmmission.org/advance-project/901670/>

## Our Life Together

### Sunday, January 23

9:00 a.m. Come and See Worship - *Sanctuary*  
9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time - *Fellowship Hall*  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School - *various rooms - look for signs*  
11:00 a.m. Worship - *Sanctuary*  
1:30 p.m. SPRC - *Zoom*

### Monday, January 24

7:30 a.m. Weekday School Mon - Fri  
9:00 a.m. Exercise Class - *Room 312*  
5:00 p.m. Children's Chorus Rehearsal - *Room 114*  
7:00 p.m. AA Big Book study - *Room 312 and Zoom*  
7:30 p.m. Disciple NT Class - *Zoom*

### Tuesday, January 25

8:45 a.m. Staff meeting - *Room 305 and Zoom*  
2:00 p.m. Tuesday Musical Club Concert - *Sanctuary*  
7:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting - *Zoom*

### Wednesday, January 26

9:00 a.m. Exercise Class - *Room 312*  
10:15 a.m. Weekday School Chapel - *Sanctuary*  
2:00 p.m. Funeral Service for Tom Nash - *Sanctuary*  
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Gathering - *Zoom*  
6:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal - *Sanctuary*  
7:00 p.m. AA Monte Vista Group - *Room 312*  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - *Room 101-Sanctuary*

### Thursday, January 27

9:30 a.m. Church Mice - *Fellowship Hall*  
10:30 a.m. Super Adults Day - *Gym*  
5:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting - *Zoom*  
6:00 p.m. Advanced Tai Chi—*Room 312*

### Friday, January 28

9:00 a.m. Exercise Class - *Room 312*

### Saturday, January 29

9:30 a.m. Administrative Council Meeting - *Zoom*

### Sunday, January 30

9:00 a.m. Come and See Worship - *Sanctuary*  
9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time - *Fellowship Hall*  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School - *various rooms - look for signs*  
10:00 a.m. Young Adult Class/Book Study - *Mann Chapel*  
11:00 a.m. Worship - *Sanctuary*  
1:00 p.m. Lively Spirits Meeting - *Parlor Room 212*

## Giving to Laurel Heights

**Online Gifts:** Please visit our website,  
<https://www.laurelheights.org/give/>



Or use the church's  
QR code to give.

### **Text to Give:**

Please text "LHUMC"  
to 73256.

**Checks:** Please mail to  
LHUMC, Attn: Bookkeeper  
227 W. Woodlawn, SATX, 78212.