



"Sharing Christ: Love, Hope, Joy"

ORDER OF WORSHIP
September 29, 2024—18th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

GREETING FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

Pastor Tracey Leslie

Please register your attendance by filling out the
Connection Card in your program.

GETTING ENGAGED

THE PRELUDE

Charissa Garrigus

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: On this homecoming weekend, God calls us together to worship and pray.

People: We've come from near and far to worship God as one family in Christ.

Leader: From generation to generation, God's people have worshipped in this place, receiving Christ's love and sharing that love with others.

People: We are grateful for the legacy of those who came before us, for the community they built, the love they experienced, and the love they shared.

Leader: The Holy Spirit is among us still, filling us with God's love and sending us forth to continue the legacy of sharing God's love with our neighbors.

People: Through our worship and our service, may we continue the legacy of receiving and sharing God's love in this place and every place.

***OPENING HYMN**

"We Gather Together"

UMH #131

***OPENING PRAYER**

Gracious and Loving God, you are good, your mercy is everlasting, and your truth endures through every generation. Open our hearts this day to hear your word. Fill us with your truth. Saturate us with your love in order that the love you pour into our lives might spill over and be poured out lives of others so that all may come to know the height and depth and breadth of your love for them. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in God who loves us with an everlasting love that never lets us go; who calls us to return that love with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength; and who bids us extend that same love to our neighbors, without reservation, friend and enemy alike.

We believe in Jesus Christ, who demonstrated God’s love for us and all people in his ministry of teaching and healing, in his outreach to the least, last, and lost, in his example of selfless service and sacrifice, and in his promise of forgiveness and everlasting life for all who call on his name.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who fills us with light and life, who equips and empowers us to be vehicles of God’s grace, and who propels us into the world to share God’s love with all who cross our path.

*GLORIA PATRI

UMH #70

LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD

GOSPEL READING

Mark 12:28-31

Leader : This is the gospel, the good news, of our Lord.

People: Praise be to you, O Christ!

SERMON

“Building a Legacy that Lasts”

Rev. Dr. Andy Kinsey

RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE

PRAYER HYMN

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

#557, vv. 1-3

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord’s Prayer UMH #895

THE GIVING OF GIFTS TO GOD’S MISSION

The Offering

The Doxology UMH #94

The Prayer of Dedication

GO OUT WITH GOD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

UMH #384

*THE DISMISSAL WITH A BLESSING

Pastor Tracey Leslie

*THE POSTLUDE

Charrissa Garrigus

Please join us in the Gathering Place (the large open area behind you) for beverages and fellowship following worship.

* Please stand as you are able

Here at University Heights United Methodist Church, we feel that our church community is blessed and enlivened now with you here.
Thank you for worshipping with us today!

TODAY'S FLOWERS

The altar flowers are a gift of Luke Garrigus in honor of Charissa's birthday. HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

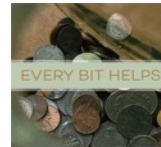
The chancel flowers are a gift of Myrna Crosby in memory of her husband Malcom's birthday.

YOUNG ADULTS GATHERING

On the third Sunday of each month, young adults are invited to join Pastors Tracey and Britt for discussion in The Gathering Place after morning worship. October's topic will be: "What does the Bible *really* say about hell?" Please feel welcome to invite friends. The October meeting date is **October 20**. For more info, contact Luke Garrigus (lukegarrigus@uhumc.com)



If you have an upcoming surgery or a hospitalization, please contact Pastor Tracey via the church office or her cell phone. She would like to visit and pray with you.



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