



Welcome to Worship!

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

- Reba Swan, Liturgist

LEADER: A call to worship is a call to presence.

PEOPLE: We long to be fully present here, and to feel God's presence here.

L: Notice the space around us, the way it looks, smells, and sounds.

P: With all our senses, we recognize a sacred space and our belonging in it.

L: We gather as good creation, wonderfully made.

P: We join our bodies into one body as we remember the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

OPENING HYMN

"Christ for the World We Sing"

No. 568

OPENING RITUAL

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Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: God's love for the world has been revealed in Jesus Christ,... as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

L: Merciful God, we confess that so often our discipleship has been weak ... when we have failed to serve as Jesus served;

P: forgive us.

L: When we have failed to love one another as Jesus loves us;

P: forgive us.

L: When we have been happy to proclaim our devotion to Jesus with our lips and then denied him by our actions;

P: forgive us.

L: Merciful God, empower us by your Spirit to be steady and true to you in every time of

trial;... The good news, therefore, is this: In Jesus Christ, we are loved and we are forgiven.

P: Thanks be to God!

L: As he does with Peter in the foot washing, Jesus transforms our confusion and rejection into

joy and connection. With God's help and mercy, we can reciprocate abundance with one another

and with Creation. In Jesus Christ we are loved and befriended by God.

P: Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE: John 13:1-17

-- Phyllis Griffith, Liturgist

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

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HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Surely the Presence of the Lord"

No. 328

The Table

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them up to God.

L: Let us give thanks to God.

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: God who took on flesh and lived among us, we greet you in worship. We greet you as a Creator who made us good in our bodies;... Through this joyful feast, you fill our spirits to overflowing.

HYMN

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

No. 618

Leader: As you nourish us through this holy meal, leave us hungry for your Kin-dom. Leave us thirsty for the justice... and ask that we would continuously notice the possibilities you offer in them. Be with us as we pray the familiar prayer that Jesus taught us to pray, saying:
All: Our Father...

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & PREPARING THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A NEW COMMANDMENT

Scripture: John 13:33-35

- Debbie Lingenfelter, Liturgist

Prayer:

--Debbie Lingenfelter, Liturgist

HYMN

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

No.292

BENEDICTION

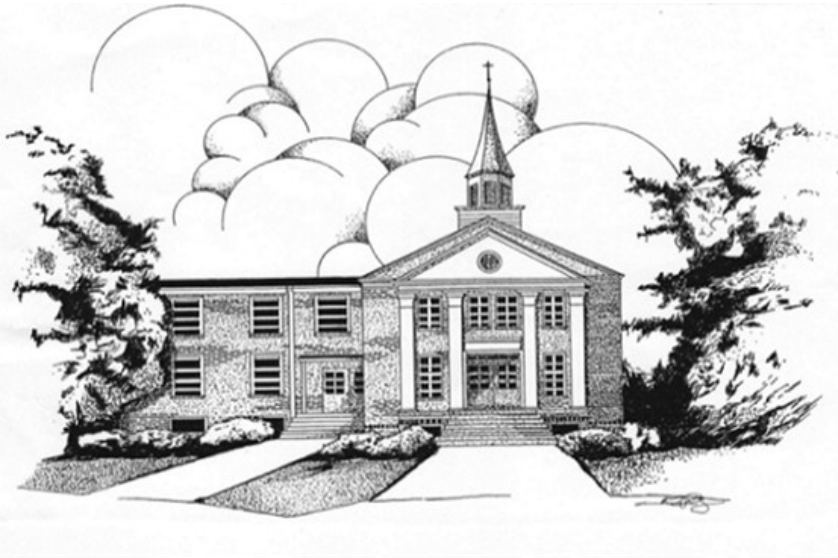
Leader: Jesus chose to use his final hours to establish intimate and profound physical connections with his friends... As we leave this place, may the presence of the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Sustainer fill the nooks and crannies of our lives. Go in love!

People: We go out together in love. Amen.



**YET NOT WHAT I WILL,
BUT WHAT YOU WILL.** MARK 14:36

**STEELE MEMORIAL
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
April 6, 2023



CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of Steele Memorial United Methodist Church is to ENGAGE with people in order to know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord; to CONNECT them in their journey of faith; and to offer opportunities to DEVELOP their relationship with the living God through love, worship, and SERVICE.

The third piece of our Discipleship Cycle defines spiritual formation with our term to DEVELOP the Christian believer: DEVELOP spiritual growth and understanding so each person can identify their calling as children of God through Bible study, prayer, worship, and fellowship with other believers.

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