

EBENEZER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Rev. Judith A. Emerson, Pastor

Linda Bange, Music Director and Organist

Order of Worship

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 14, 2024

10:00 AM

WELCOME

Welcome to Ebenezer United Methodist Church. We are blessed by your presence with us this morning. May this time of worship be a blessing to you today and in the week ahead. Please use this time to be in silent prayer.

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

THE PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, give to the Lord your praises of thanksgiving.

We come this day, grateful for God's wondrous gifts to us!

Sing with great enthusiasm of God's truth and love.

We celebrate that love and truth that frames our lives.

It is a wonderful thing to lift praises to God!

May God's praise always be in our hearts and in our lives.

*HYMN

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

TFWS No. 2173

OPENING PRAYER

We gather this day, God, as one people seeking your guiding love. Today, Lord, open our hearts, our minds, and our eyes to see that truth exists and that it is in your Word, and give us the strength to stand firm in that truth. Create a new people in this place Lord, so that we leave here with hearts on fire for you. Amen.

EPISTLE LESSON

2 John 1-6

Our Epistle reading this morning emphasizes living in truth and love, affirming that truth is found in Christ and calling us to walk in his commandments.

GOSPEL LESSON

John 18: 33-38

Our Gospel reading this morning presents Pilate's poignant and ironic question to Jesus, "What is truth?", while the Truth made flesh stood before him.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

HYMN

"Thy Word is a Lamp"

UMH No. 601

SERMON

"Truth Matters: What is Truth?"

David Rapids

HYMN

"Blessed Assurance"

UMH No. 369

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The 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

Announcements

Offertory

*Doxology

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH No. 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise him, all creatures here below;

praise him above, ye heavenly host;

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

*Presentation of Gifts

*Prayer of Dedication

God of abundance, we don't give because you make us or because anyone else is watching. We give because we know your truth, we live in it, we rejoice in it, and we pray that through the ministries of this church more may come to know you. Help this church to live with a heart on fire, loving others in big and bold ways as you love us. We pray all of this in Jesus' name, Amen.

*HYMN

"Trust and Obey"

UMH No. 467

*BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

*POSTLUDE

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