

***Closing Hymn**

UMH 707

“Hymn of Promise”

***Benediction**

People of God, go and tell it! When it's hard, when it's joyous, when it's inconvenient, when it's healing—go tell the good news of the Light in the light. And remember that you do not go alone. We are children of God! Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Benediction Response**

UMH 665

“Go Now in Peace”

Reflection Question: What does the story of Sarah and Hagar (Gen. 21:8–21) say about God? What does the story suggest about how we might treat one another more justly?

Sunday, June 25th, 2023
4th Sunday After Pentecost Sunday
Pastor Ryan Washabaugh
Music Director Dr. David Boyd

Welcome Linda Brashear

Prelude Dr. Boyd

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: People of God, tell it!

People: We are not alone! We are children of God!

Leader: People of Christ, tell it!

People: The Light has come in love and truth, teaching us to live in the Light.

Leader: People of the Spirit, tell it!

People: The Spirit of truth reveals hidden things, offering healing through honest confession.

Leader: People of God, tell it!

People: We are not alone! We are children of God! Amen.

***Opening Prayer**

God of the covenant, your compassion reaches beyond the mere making and keeping of promises. Teach us to listen to one another with your heart, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

***Hymn of Praise**

UMH 122

“God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale”

Prayer of Confession

People: God of Justice and Mercy, we know that we have fallen silent when we should have spoken up. We have ignored the cries of the innocent and joined the crowds in calls of judgment. We have mistaken justice for revenge and have sought punishment to ease our pain. Forgive us, God, for not seeing our own faults, our own sins, and for not holding ourselves responsible for our inaction and injustice. Restore us, God, to the ways Jesus taught us, to drop our stones and instead seek forgiveness and restoration. Call us into the paths of love and reconciliation, knowing Your mercy extends to all

of us, Your grace is a gift, and there is nothing we can do to deserve or earn it. Guide us into living into Your forgiveness, peace and reconciliation, in the name of the Prince of Peace. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: God has opened our ears and our hearts to know God’s love and forgiveness. There is nothing we need to do other than love one another and love God, for all things come from God’s love. Go forth knowing You have been forgiven and You are restored to God. Live in the way of Christ. Amen.

***Apostles Creed**

UMH 881

***Gloria Patria**

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Where Children Belong

TFWS 2233

Children’s Time

Deb Hull

Praises and Prayer Requests

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

***Hymn of Preparation**

UMH 349

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” (2x)

Series: The Path of the Disciple, Part II: Learning to Grow

Message:

“Tell the Light”

Pastor Ryan

Scripture Focus:

Matthew 10:40-42

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Call to Offering:

Christ knows every breath we take: each one is a gift from the Spirit. God watches over, protects, and provides for us. Let us present our offerings of thanksgiving for the goodness of the triune God.

***Doxology**

***Offertory Prayer**

