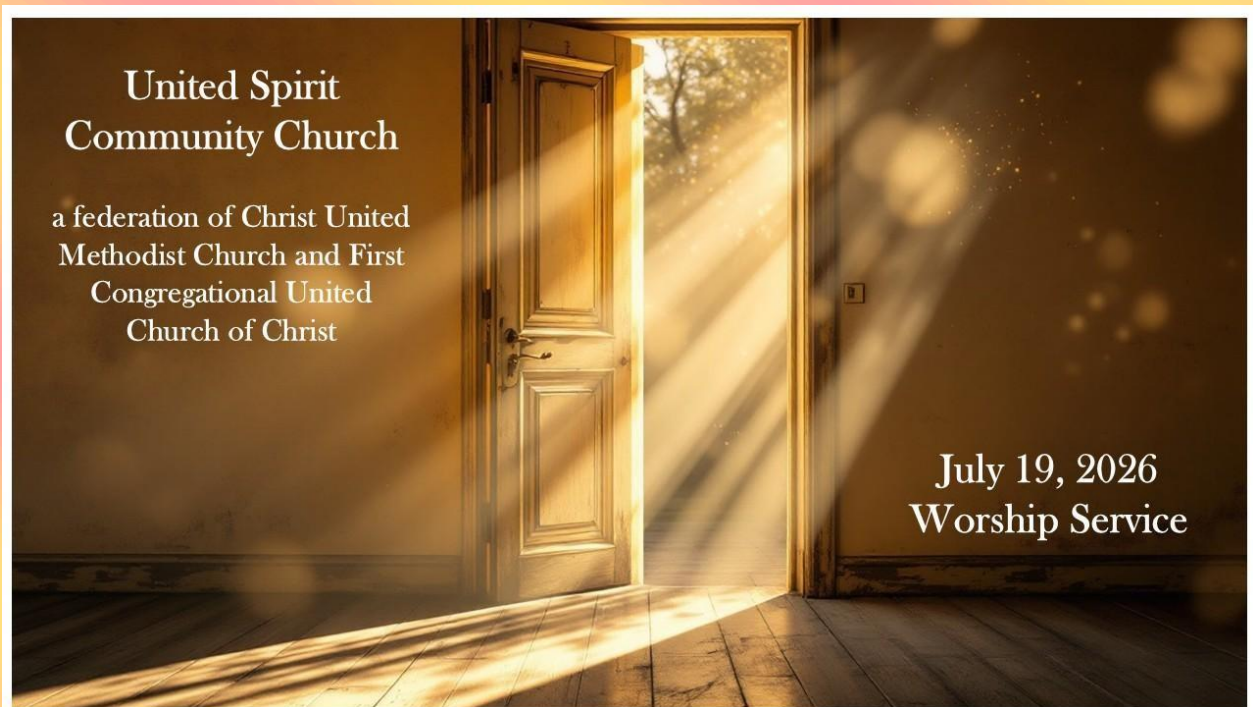




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Gathering Music

Greeting and Announcements

Prayer and Transition to Worship

Prelude "And Can it Be -That I Should Gain" *arr. Victor Labenske*

Call to Worship –

Leader: As the deer pants for streams of water,

All: so my soul pants for you, my God.

Leader: My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

All: When can I go and meet with God?

Leader: Now. For wherever you go, God is next to you, waiting to hear the sound of your voice.

What will you say to the Holy One?

All: I will ask for what I need, and it will be given to me. I will seek this one thing, and I will find it. I will knock, and the door will be opened to me. For everyone who asks receives, the one who seeks finds, and the one who knocks is welcomed in.

Leader: Children of the Holy One, together let us worship our God who gives us good gifts.

Opening Song "Feeling Slightly Better Singing with You" *Bulletin Insert*

Feeling slightly better singing with you...

Words and music: Shruthi Rajasekar

In any octave:

♩ = c. 60



1. Hard to be a - wake and Hard to keep the faith but
2. Feel - ing kind of numb as Fire____ burns the world but (a)
3. Watch - ing fear and vio - lence Watch - ing voi - ces si - lenc'd
4. Fill the streets with mu - sic Make our voi - ces loud - er
5. So I stay a - wake and Try to keep the faith 'cause (I'm)



1. Feel - ing slight - ly bet - ter sing - ing with_ you____
2. Step to - wards re - build - ing (is) sing - ing with_ you____
3. Giv - ing thanks to still be sing - ing with_ you____
4. There is joy and pow - er (in) sing - ing with_ you____
5. Feel - ing slight - ly bet - ter sing - ing with_ you____

Opening Prayer

Psalm 51:1-4 BSB

Almighty God who hears us, we come to you together. Some of us are weary. Others are excited. Some are joyful. Others are sad. Some are healthy. Others are sick. Yet we come to you as one—asking, seeking, knocking. We depend on you to keep your promise and answer our petitions. We depend entirely on you for our life. For the sake of unfailing love and eternal life, we pray in Jesus' name, amen.

Hymn of Praise

“Hymn of Promise”

UMH #707

Unison

1. In the bulb there is a flow-er; in the seed, an ap-ple tree;
2. There's a song in ev-ery si-lence, seek-ing word and mel-o - dy;
3. In our end is our be - gin-ning; in our time, in-fin-i - ty;

in co-coons, a hid-den prom-ise: but-ter - flies will soon be free!
there's a dawn in ev-ery dark-ness, bring-ing hope to you and me.
in our doubt there is be - liev-ing; in our life, e-ter-ni - ty.

In the cold and snow of win-ter there's a spring that waits to be,
From the past will come the fu-ture; what it holds, a mys-ter - y,
In our death, a res-ur - rec-tion; at the last, a vic-to - ry,

un - re-vealed un-til its sea-son, some-thing God a-lone can see.

WORDS: Natalie Sleeth, 1986
MUSIC: Natalie Sleeth, 1986

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Scripture Reading

Luke 11:1-13 NRSV

One: [Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.”

He said to them, “When you pray, say:

Many: Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.”

One: And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ And he answers from within,

Many: ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’

One: I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. So I say to you,

Many: Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.

One: For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

Many: Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion?

One: If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

Many: In these ancient words, let us hear the living word of God today.

Children’s Message

Sending Song

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit I will Pray”

NCH #282 refrain only

Refrain

Ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing in my heart I will

pray. Yes, ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing

Last time, end

in my heart I will pray.

Sermon

"When You Pray, *Receive*"

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Spoken Prayer and 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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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.

Invitation to the Offering

Leader: Children of God, as we have asked and received good gifts from our Almighty Provider, let us give to others what good we can. Today, tomorrow, and ever into the future, let us use our time, talents, and treasures wisely for the coming of the kingdom of God.

All: Whatever we do, in word or deed, let us do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God our Creator through him.

Offertory

"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"
With "O Breath of Life"

arr. Cindy Berry

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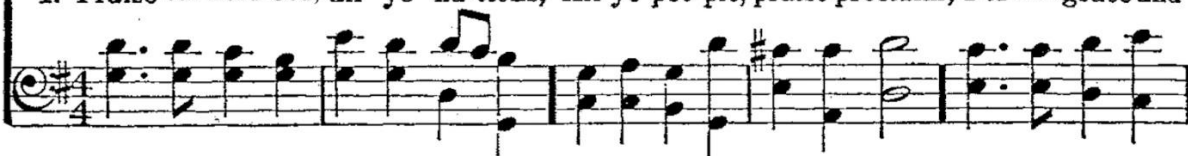
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1. Praise our Lord God, all ye na-tions, All ye peo-ple, praise proclaim; For God's grace and



lov-ing-kind-ness O sing prais-es to God's Name. For the greatness of God's mer-cy



Constant praise to God accord; Evermore God's truth endureth; Hallelujah, praise the Lord.



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Prayer of Dedication

Almighty God, we praise you for every good gift the Spirit has given to us. Thank you for gifts of wisdom, knowledge, communication, generosity, service, teaching, mercy, healing, faith, and so many other good things. Multiply our willingness to share them with others and do good wherever we are. For the sake of Jesus Christ, our hope of glory, we pray, Amen.

Closing Hymn

“How Firm a Foundation”

NCH #407

1 How firm a foun - da - tion for you has been laid,
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go,
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose,

by God in the Word, in the sac - ri - fice paid!
 for I am your God, I will still give you aid;
 the riv - ers of woe shall not o - ver you flow;
 my grace all - suf - fi - cient shall be your sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can God say than to you has been said,
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand
 For I will be with you, your trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt you; for I have de - signed
 That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you, who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my gra - cious, om - ni - po - tent hand."
 de - liv - er - ing you from your deep - est dis - tress."
 your soul to make pure just as gold is re - fined."
 I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er for - sake!"

In 1787, John Rippon, English Baptist clergyman, identified the author of this hymn as "K"; no one has yet verified a complete name. The pentatonic melody has been known by several names since it first appeared in Funk's Genuine Church Music (1832).

Tune: FOUNDATION 11.11.11.11.
*Early United States melody
 from Funk's Genuine Church Music, 1832
 Alternate tune: ADESTE FIDELES*

Benediction

Sending Song

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

NCH #82 vs. 1

Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1983, 1990; alt.

1 Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev - er a - lone;
2 Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me;

Wak - ing, sleep-ing, I am with you, you are my own;
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.

In my love's bap - tis-mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er,
Here my Spir - it's pow-er filled you, here with ten - der com-fort stilled you;

Go, my chil - dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own.
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, joy - ful and free.

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in 4/4 time and B-flat major. The score consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

Postlude

“Standing on the Promises”

arr. Glenda Austin

Melissa would love the honor of “playing us out of the sanctuary.”

Please feel free to exit the sanctuary as she plays.

Acknowledgments

The call to worship contains Psalm 42:1-2. Other liturgy is inspired by Luke 11, Romans 12, and 1 Corinthians 12. The doxology is from *The Psalter*, a publication of the United Presbyterian Board of Publication in 1912.

Pastor Laura often quotes from the NIV translation when preaching. It may be impossible while listening to differentiate between what is paraphrased and what is quoted.

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