

Tuckaleechee United Methodist Church
May 17, 2020, Sixth Sunday of Easter
Rev. Richard Rudesill

Worship Service

Prelude & Call to Worship

Hymn of Praise

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

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Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down; fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown! Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breather, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast! Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest. Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be; end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive; suddenly return and never, never more thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be. Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee; changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Responsive Reading Psalm 66

Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of God's praise be heard, who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip. **For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.** Come and hear, all you who worship God, and I will tell what the Lord has done for me. **I cried aloud to God, who was highly praised with my tongue.** If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, The Lord would not have listened. **But truly God has listened, and has given heed to the voice of my prayer. Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.**

Morning Prayer, Pastoral Prayer, The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading

Offertory

Children's Moment

Anthem

Morning Scripture

Morning Message

"Blessed Assurance"

Holly Whitehead

Choir

"Love Wide Open"

Acts 17:22-31

(See Online Video)

(See Online Video)

(See Online Video)

John 14:15-21

(See Online Video)

***Hymn of Response**

"Because He Lives"

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God sent his Son, they called him Jesus; He came to love, heal and forgive; he lived and died to buy my pardon, an empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives. Because he lives, I can face tomorrow; because he lives, all fear is gone; because I know he holds the future, and life is worth the living just because he lives.

And then one day, I'll cross the river; I'll fight life's final war with pain; and then as death gives way to victory, I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know he reigns. Because he lives, I can face tomorrow; because he lives, all fear is gone; because I know he holds the future, and life is worth the living just because he lives.

Our sympathy & prayers goes out to the Family of Blake McCampbell who passed on May 12th.

Benediction

Church Announcements

Wild Kids & Youth and the Emmaus Reunion Group meet online weekly via Zoom! Contact Elizabeth or Pastor for access codes to join us! Sunday School meets online weekly. Everyone will be invited by email. We start at 10:30am on Sundays.

Holston Conference Bishop Dindy Taylor has asked us to continue not meeting due to concerns about the Coronavirus. A plan is being developed and a task force is being created for re-opening churches in phases. The Conference is also watching the status of the disease as the state reopens. We desperately want to see each other again! But we want to do it safely! Read the Bishop's full statement on our website and watch the church website for more communication.

Offerings to Church: Due to the Coronavirus we ask that offerings be donated online at the Conference website (see below) or you can mail checks to TUMC, 7322 Old Tuckaleechee Rd., Townsend, 37882. Also, offerings can be brought by during Pastor's Office Hours from 8-11 am on Tuesdays and Wednesdays or held until we can gather together again.

Online Church Offerings: The Holston Conference has set up a website to be able to receive offerings for any Holston Conference church. [Click Here to donate online](#) or type the address in as <https://holston-reg.brtaapp.com/ChurchOffering>. When asked for a District name, select "**Smoky Mountain**" and then select "**Tuckaleechee UMC-Townsend, TN**".

Annual Food Bucket items for Zimbabwe are due Sun. May 31st. See www.tuckaleecheeumc.org for list and instructions.