

# The Celebration of the Gospel

July 11, 2021 at 11 a.m.

## All Are Welcome

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**ST. JOHN'S**  
United Methodist Church

*Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.*

*We are a Christian community called to share our gifts through worship, witness and service so that others will know God and become disciples of Jesus Christ.*

## Gathering

Words of Welcome

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

Introit

Call to Worship

Caleb Doan

In the beginning  
before time, before people,  
before the world began:  
**God was.**

Here and now, among us, beside us,  
enlisting the people of earth  
for the purposes of heaven:  
**God is.**

In the future,  
when we have turned to dust  
and all we know has found its fulfillment:  
**God will be.**

Not denying the world but delighting in it,  
not understanding the world, but redeeming it,  
through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit:  
**God was, God is, God will be.**

Let us go up to a high mountaintop to worship our God,  
who was, and is, and will forevermore  
be worthy of praise.  
**We gather to give God the glory!**

Hymn of Praise

UMH 139, vs. 1, 2, 5

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

**Praise to the Lord,  
the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him,  
for he is thy health and salvation!**

**All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;  
join me in glad adoration!**

**Praise to the Lord,  
who o'er all things so wondrously reigning  
bears thee on eagle's wings,  
e'er in his keeping maintaining.  
God's care enfolds all, whose true good he upholds.  
Hast thou not known his sustaining?**

**Praise to the Lord!  
O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath,  
come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again;  
gladly forever adore him.**

Psalter

Psalms 121

UMH 844

SUNG RESPONSE

*In the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.*

I lift up my eyes to the hills.  
From whence does my help come?  
**My help comes from the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.**  
The Lord will not let your foot be moved,  
the Lord who keeps you will not slumber.  
**Behold, the One who keeps Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.**  
The Lord is your keeper;  
**the Lord is your shade  
on your right hand.**  
The sun shall not smite you by day,  
**nor the moon by night.**  
The Lord will keep you from all evil,  
and will keep your life.  
**The Lord will keep  
your going out and your coming in  
from this time forth and for evermore.**

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## Journeying

Road Trip Notes - Grand Tetons

Video

Children's Moment

ShiRae Transou

Scripture

Matthew 14:20-23, Mark 6:46,  
Luke 6:12-13, John 6:14-15

Pastor Lane

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

Prayer for Illumination

**Lord God, at the beginning of time your Spirit  
moved over the waters. So now, send your Spirit  
to stir our hearts and inspire us to receive the  
re-creating power of your Word. Grant us wisdom  
and courage as we seek to learn from you. We pray  
through Christ, your incarnate Word. Amen.**

Sermon

"Closeness to God"

Pastor Lane

# Communing

## Hymn of Faith

UMH 173

*Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*  
Christ, whose glory fills the skies,  
Christ, the true, the only light,  
Sun of Righteousness, arise,  
triumph o'er the shades of night;  
Day-spring from on high, be near;  
Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn  
unaccompanied by thee;  
joyless is the day's return,  
till thy mercy's beams I see;  
till thy inward light impart,  
cheer my eyes and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine;  
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
fill me, Radiance divine,  
scatter all my unbelief;  
more and more thyself display,  
shining to the perfect day.

*Thank you for worshipping with us!*

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## Prayers of the People

*Pastor Lane*

## The Lord's Prayer

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## Doxology

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.

# Hitting the Road...

## Call to Action

## Hymn of Discipleship

UMH 117, vs. 1, 2, 3

*O God, Our Help In Ages Past*  
O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal home!

Under the shadow of thy throne,  
still may we dwell secure;  
sufficient is thine arm alone,  
and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,  
or earth received her frame,  
from everlasting, thou art God,  
to endless years the same.

## Blessing and Sending Forth

*Pastor Lane*

## Postlude