



Order of Worship for Sunday, May 7, 2023

Graduation Sunday!

Prelude

Lamar Fitzgerald

Welcoming and Announcements

Pastor Sharon Kichline

Celebration of Accomplishments

Calling all Graduates

Blessing of the Children as they join Living Stones

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

UMH 206

Centering

*** Welcome the Light of Christ with Song**

*** Call to Worship**

Lucy Koenung

Leader: As you walk with us, as we journey together,

People: Lord, your word fills our hearts!

Leader: As you speak with us, as your love is revealed,

People: Lord, your fire burns in our hearts!

Leader: As we proclaim what we have seen and heard,

People: may all people be drawn to you, the risen Lord!

***Unison Prayer**

In Unison

Loving God, come and speak to our hearts today. May we, like those on the Emmaus Road, find your words burning with hope in our lives. Strengthen us and give us courage for the journey ahead. For we pray in Christ's Name. AMEN.

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

Peace be with you! And also with you!

Please greet your neighbors offering this ancient greeting with a wave and a smile ☺

Special Music

Like a River in My Soul

Chancel Choir

Collection of Our Tithes and Offerings

***Doxology and Blessing our Offerings**

Pastor Sharon

Lord, I ask your blessing on these gifts and on your people. Please be with us and give us courage. Use these gifts to help others as you have healed and helped us, for we ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

***Apostles Creed**

UMH 881

Prayers of the People

***Gospel Reading**
35

Luke 24:13-

Preparing Our Hearts

The Message

Blind, But Now I See

Pastor Sharon

Prayer Response

Sometimes our hearts ache within us, O Lord. Like those travelers on the Emmaus road, we feel the deep sadness about losing you. Yet you are not gone from us. Forgive us when we close our eyes to your presence. Heal our brokenness. Bind up our wounds. Place us on the path of healing and help us to be people who will bring compassionate caring to others, for we ask these things In Jesus' name. Amen.

Sharing at the Lord's Table of Grace

Words Projected

*All are invited forward to receive the Communion bread and juice by intinction or packet.
You are invited to pray at the Communion railing or return to your seat.*

***Sending Song**

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughter

UMH 605

Shared Benediction

Pastor: Christ has brought us together: together in faith, together in hope, together in love.

People: We have gathered together to be sent out again, sent out with the welcome message of God's love!

Together: We go forth together, to be living testimonies of Christ's love!

Postlude



*How wonderful to have you in worship with us today!
We are a church family that welcomes you.*

