Order of Celebration

GATHERING

Gathering Music

Sharing the Life of the Church

Please complete the Communication Card and place it in the offering plate. If you have a prayer request, fill out a prayer card that will be collected during the first song.

Centering Music and Service of Lights

*Call to Worship

Leader:

Leader: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving; let us make a

joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the Lord is a great God,

and a great King above all gods.

All: O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the

Lord, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his

pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

*Hymn Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise UMH 103

A Time of Confession and Assurance

Leader: In spite of God's love for us and gift of love to us, we often act in

destructive and hateful ways. We close our hearts to God and

disobey God's law. Together let us confess our sin:

All: Most gracious and merciful God, we confess to you and to one

another that time after time we have entered your presence with countless prayers but with hearts that have been closed to your grace. We have lifted our hands to you in praise, but our feet have still walked in the ways of evil. We pray, Lord, that you forgive our lack of faith and pardon our acts of injustice. Grant us the healing that comes from your presence and the cleansing of

your all-powerful Word, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Hear these words of assurance: To all who turn from sin in sorrow, to

all who turn to God in hope, this is God's Word of grace: we are accepted, we are forgiven, we are loved. This gift we have from

God. Thanks be to God!

THE WORD					
Old Testament Lesson	Psalm 123	pg 766			
Epistle Lesson	II Corinthians 12: 7 -10	pg 1415			
Message	Redefining Life				
OUR RESPONSE					
Hymn	Father, I Adore You	TFWS 2038			

Offering Invitation

As God's dear children, then, take him as your pattern, and follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up for us as an offering and a sweet-smelling sacrifice to God.

Offertory Music

*Doxology UMH 95

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.

*Dedication Prayer

All good things come from you, O God, and with gratitude we return to you what is yours. All that we are and all that we have are a trust from you. Bless these gifts for your service. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, which 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WE ARE	SENI	FORTH	

*Hymn Here I am, Lord UMH 593

*Taking the Light to the World

*Benediction

Pastor: We leave this place to bear witness to Christ in faithfulness to the

Scriptures, in harmony with the church of the ages, and in unity with

all Christ's people.

All: May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing.

Amen.

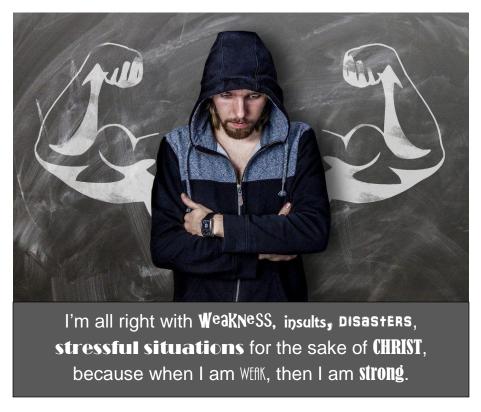
Postlude

Please join us for Coffee, Cake & Conversation in the Fellowship Hall

*Please stand as you feel comfortable

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