

Parents -Please escort your children to the restrooms.  
Thank you.

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

## WE GATHER to be NURTURED

Prelude "Air on the G String" ~ J.S. Bach

*Ringing of the Bell*

*Please sign registration sheets and pass to others in your pew.*

### § Call to Worship

*Leader:* We gather to celebrate our faith  
and to worship the living God.

*People:* We celebrate our Lord Jesus who leads us;  
we celebrate our Lord who's present for us.

*Leader:* We celebrate our Lord who saves,  
and we celebrate our Lord who cares.

*People:* We celebrate the Lord of light and life —  
of love and hope.

*Leader:* We celebrate our Lord Jesus who calls us;  
we celebrate our Lord who provides for us.

*All:* We celebrate our Lord who loves us,  
and we celebrate our Lord who nourishes us  
now and always.

### § Opening Hymn UMH #384 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Sharing of Joys and Concerns *Rev. Calvin Culpepper*  
Prayers of the People  
The Lord's Prayer, UMH #895

## WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

Psalter Reading UMH#738, no sung response Psalm 1

Hymn FWS #2129 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

Children's Message *James L. Crow*

Hymn FWS #2026 "Halle, Halle, Halleluja"

§ Scripture Lesson - New Testament p. 61 Luke 4:16-30

*Leader:* This is the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Luke.

*People:* Glory to you, O Lord.

Setting the Stage  
for Creating a Holy Heart & Life  
A Person of Faith in an Age of Need

## WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Response UMH #436 "The Voice of God Is Calling"

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves  
Offertory *Meditation from Thais* ~ Massenet

§ Doxology #94 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

## WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth "O That I Had a Thousand Tongues"  
*Please watch the screens.*

§ Benediction

Go forth now — always and everywhere be loving to each other — be loving to friend, neighbor, stranger, the needy, our family and even those whom we do not like. Be helpful and compassionate to all everywhere. Be thankful now and always for the promise of eternal life. Go in peace. *Amen.*

Postlude "Toccata" ~ Widor

Fellowship Time in the Narthex



Altar Flowers are given...

...in memory of the beloved Les Thomas' birthday, September 20,  
by the Gwen Thomas Memorial Bequest.



Please join us immediately after church on Sunday, September 27, 2015, for a "Salads and More" luncheon sponsored by Lydia Circle, Nurture Committee and other church friends. Cost is free-will donation to support raising funds for the Imagine No Malaria Project. Thanks for your support and generosity. We are close to our ultimate goal. Come and learn more about our final push to get there!!



We welcome you, member or visitor, as we join in worshipping God this morning. We pray you will be blessed and invite you to return!

New study begins TODAY! Learn how and why we started as Methodists and what we believe. We will meet in the parlor at 11:30 with Pastor Cal. If you're not able to attend today, come this Wednesday, September 23rd, at 4:30 p.m., in the Dining Room. Books are \$8 each and are available in the Office.

### O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Words: Charles Wesley Music: Charles G. Gläser  
This hymn is the most widely known and sung of the Wesleyan hymns. It was composed to celebrate Charles' May 21, 1738, conversion, an event that preceded his brother's by two days. It first had eighteen stanzas and was titled "For the Anniversary Day of One's Conversion", and became part of Methodist hymnals in 1786. Our version of this hymn begins with the opening line of the original stanza 7, which may have been prompted by Wesley's spiritual mentor, Peter Böhrer, who said, "Had I a thousand tongues, I would praise him with them all!" Our hymn's final stanza is the original stanza 18.

*Young, C. R. (1993). Companion to the United Methodist Hymnal. Nashville: Abingdon Press.*

Don't forget that the Court Street Computer Lab will be open Tuesdays, 11-1, for adult use and a time to ask general questions about basic computer functions, how to navigate windows 7-10, answers to questions about Web browsing, Facebook, and other social media, programs such as Microsoft Office, and how to download various applications and programs. Also, we will be able to answer questions about Internet security. You may bring in your own laptop or use our computers running Microsoft Windows.

### Holy COW (Church On Wednesday)! on Sept. 23rd!

4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

- Rev. Rhoads' class in the Library - Adults

4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

- Rev. Wang leads "John Wesley: Holiness of Heart & Life in the Dining Room"

5:30 - 6:00 p.m.

- Dinner by Diane in the Dining Room for only \$3.50/person

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

- Men's Fellowship Group in the Parlor

Need a ride to next Sunday's Worship? Please call Dan Boon, 815-713-0411, by 6:00 pm next Saturday, September 26th, if you need a ride for Sunday, September 27th.

All adults are welcome to come to Sunday School next Sunday, September 27th. We will meet in Room 209 on the 2nd floor.

If you would like to contribute to a Love Gift for Michael Smith, our former Mechanical Engineer, please make your check out to Court Street UMC with "M Smith Love Gift" in the memo line. You may put it in the offering plate or bring/mail it to the church office.



