

WELCOME HOME!

First United Methodist Church

Center, Texas

January 3, 2021

John Wesley's Covenant Service

"For such as would enter into or renew their covenant with God."

VIDEO "It a New Year"

ANNOUNCEMENTS & GREETINGS

† HYMN OF PRAISE "Joy to the World" (vs 1) 246

LITANY OF ADORATION

Leader: Let us adore the Father, the God of love who created us; who every moment preserves and sustains us; who has loved us with an everlasting love, and given us the light of the knowledge of His glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

**People: We praise thee, O God;
we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.**

Leader: Let us glory in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ; who, though he was rich, yet for our sake became poor; who went about doing good and preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom; who was tempted in all points like as we are, yet without sin; who became obedient unto death, even death on the cross; who was dead and liveth for evermore; who opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers; who sitteth at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father.

People: Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ.

Leader: Let us rejoice in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, by whom we are born into the family of God, and made members of the body of Christ; whose witness confirms us; whose wisdom teaches us; whose power enables us; who does for us exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think.

People: All praise to thee, O Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let us share a moment of silent prayer

† HYMN OF PRAISE
"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" (vs 1, 2, 4) 89

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: O God our Father, the foundation of all goodness who has been gracious to us through all the years of our lives. We give thee thanks for thy loving kindness which hath filled our days and brought us to this time and place.

People: We praise thy holy name, O Lord.

Leader: Thou hast given us life and reason, and set us in a world which is full of thy glory. Thou hast comforted us with family and friends, and ministered to us through the hands and minds of our fellows.

People: We praise thy holy name, O Lord.

Leader: Thou hast set in our hearts a hunger for thee, and given us thy peace. Thou hast redeemed us and called us to a high calling in Christ Jesus. Thou hast given us a place in the fellowship of thy Spirit and the witness of thy Church.

People: We praise thy holy name, O Lord.

Leader: In darkness thou hast been our light, in adversity and temptation a rock of strength, in our joys the very spirit of joy, in our labors the all-sufficient reward.

People: We praise thy holy name, O Lord.

Leader: Thou hast remembered us when we have forgotten thee, followed us even when we fled from thee, met us with forgiveness when we turned back to thee. For all thy long-suffering and the abundance of thy grace,

People: We praise thy holy name, O Lord. Amen.

Here shall follow a moment of silent prayer

LITANY OF CONFESSION

Minister: O God, our Father, who hast set forth the way of life for us in thy beloved Son. We confess with shame our slowness to learn of him, our reluctance to follow him. Thou hast spoken and called, and we have not given heed; thy beauty hath shone forth, and we have been blind; thou hast stretched out thy hands to us through our fellows, and we have passed by. We have taken great benefits with little thanks; we have been unworthy of thy changeless love.

**People:
Have mercy upon us and forgive us, O Lord.**

Minister: Forgive us, we beseech thee, the poverty of our worship, the formality and selfishness of our prayers, our inconsistency and unbelief, our neglect of fellowship and

of the means of grace, our hesitating witness for Christ, our false pretenses and our willful ignorance of thy ways.

**People:
Have mercy upon us and forgive us, O Lord.**

Minister: Forgive us wherein we have wasted our time or misused our gifts. Forgive us wherein we have excused our own wrongdoing or evaded our responsibilities. Forgive us that we have been unwilling to overcome evil with good, that we have drawn back from the cross.

**People:
Have mercy upon us and forgive us, O Lord.**

Minister: Forgive us that so little of thy love hath reached others through us, and that we have borne so lightly wrongs and sufferings that were not our own. Forgive us wherein we have cherished the things that divide us from others, and wherein we have made it hard for them to live with us, and wherein we have been thoughtless in our judgments, hasty in our condemnation, grudging in our forgiveness.

**People:
Have mercy upon us and forgive us, O Lord.**

Minister: If we have made no ventures in fellowship, if we have kept in our heart a grievance against another, if we have not sought reconciliation, if we have been eager for the punishment of wrongdoers and slow to seek their redemption.

**People:
Have mercy upon us and forgive us, O Lord.**

Minister:
Let each of us in silence make confession to God.
Here shall follow a moment of silent prayer

**People and Minister:
Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy loving kindness; according to the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Amen.**

PASTORAL & LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who 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 and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

† **ENCOUNTERING GOD'S WORD**

John 1:1-5

The Word Became Flesh

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

This is the word of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God. Amen

Gloria Patri

MORNING MESSAGE Rev. Malcolm Monroe
"The Voice"

† HYMN "Let Us Break Bread" 618

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE COVENANT

Minister. O Lord God, Holy Father, who hast called us through Christ to be partakers in this gracious covenant. We take upon ourselves with joy the yoke of obedience, and engage ourselves, for love of thee, to seek and do thy perfect will. We are no longer our own, but thine.

People and Minister:

**I am no longer my own, but thine.
Put me to what thou wilt,
rank me with whom thou wilt;
put me to doing, put me to suffering;
let me be employed for thee or laid aside for thee,
exalted for thee or brought low for thee;
let me be full, let me be empty;
let me have all things, let me have nothing;
I freely and heartily yield all things to thy
pleasure and disposal.
And now, O glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
thou art mine and I am thine. So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.**

Our First Response, Our Offering

INVITATION TO BELONG

†HYMN OF INVITATION

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" (vs 1, 4) 213

*Our Congregation Welcomes New Members

We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ's Holy Church, and bid you welcome to this congregation of the United Methodist Church. With you, we renew our vows to uphold it with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.

† SENDING FORTH & BLESSING

† CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Go, tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and everywhere
Go, tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born!**

† POSTLUDE

Serving FUMC Center

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WELCOME

HOME

**I AM NO LONGER MY OWN, BUT THINE
PUT ME TO WHAT THOU WILT, RANK ME WITH WHOM THOU WILT.
PUT ME TO DOING, PUT ME TO SUFFERING.
LET ME BE EMPLOYED FOR THEE OR LAID ASIDE FOR THEE.
LET ME HAVE ALL THINGS, LET ME HAVE NOTHING.
I FREELY AND HEARTILY YIELD ALL THINGS
TO THY PLEASURE AND DISPOSAL.
AND NOW, O GLORIOUS AND BLESSED GOD,
FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT,
THOU ART MINE AND I AM THINE.**

SO BE IT.
AND THE COVENANT WHICH I HAVE MADE ON EARTH,
LET IT BE RATIFIED IN HEAVEN.
AMEN.

-JOHN WESLEY

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