



**LOVE FIRST  
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**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
OF MONTCLAIR & VERONA**



**WE WELCOME YOU ALL TO OUR SUNDAY SERVICE  
AND APPRECIATE YOUR VIRTUAL PRESENCE AND PARTICIPATION.**

June 26, 2022 + Third Sunday after Pentecost + 10:00 AM

[We belong to the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church](#)

Rev. John Schol, Bishop  
Kenneth Rapp, Music Director  
Rev. Franck Aguilh, Pastor of Mission

Rev. William M. Williams, District Superintendent  
Dr. Michael Stewart, Lay Leader  
ChangYong Shin, Lead Pastor

**Bolded text** - said in unison by all

**UMH** - United Methodist Hymnal

**TFWS** - The Faith We Sing

*\* If able, please stand where indicated.*

## **CALLED TO PRAISE AND PRAY**

**Prelude**

Blessed Be your Name

*LIFT Praise Band*

### **Welcome & Announcements**

Welcome! Today is Third Sunday After Pentecost. We have posted our livestream worship and children's message on Facebook and YouTube every week.

### **Worship Team**

. An updated Worship Team list(July to September) has been placed at the main entrance and it was emailed. Please check your name and let the Pastor know if you are not available.

### **Meetings/Gatherings/Services/Conferences**

- . Voice of Praise: Every 1st & 3rd Sunday at 9:30am at the church
- . Now Prayer Group: Every 1st & 3rd Saturday 9:00am via zoom
- . Adults Bible Study: Every Sunday 12:15 pm the office & zoom (except for 1st Sunday)
- . Trustee meeting: Every 2nd Thursday 07:00pm via zoom
- . LIFT Band: Every 1st & 3rd Thursday 6:00pm/Every 2nd & 4th Sunday 9:00 am at the church

### **United Women in Faith**

- . UWF Meeting: Every 1st Saturday, 10:30am via zoom.

### **Christian Education**

- . Children's message: Every Sunday, 10:10am at the church
- . Children's activity: Every Sunday, 10:15 am at Small Chapel or backdoor playground.
- . Youth Activity: Every 1st & 3rd Sunday 4pm via zoom

### **Special Offering**

.Trustee Committee's special Offering Request: Please financially support the church to install a RAMP for people having physical differences.

### **Mission**

. Please support Haiti Hope House spiritually and financially. Please contact Rev. Franck Aguilh, our missionary pastor. If you would like to help Ukraine, please make designated offerings to Ukraine. First UMC has collected the offerings to UMCOR, a mission department of UMC.

### **\*Call to Worship**

Leader: God is a God who calls.

**People: We have gathered to worship and to hear that call.**

Leader: God is a God who equips.

**People: We are here to worship and to be shaped into the body of Christ.**

Leader: God is a God who sends.

**People: We are here to worship so that we can carry that spirit of worship out into the world where we live.**

Leader: God is a God who blesses.

**People: We are here to worship and to request a double share of that blessing.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

**All: Amen!**

### **\*Worship & Praise**

#### **Blessed Be your Name**

1. Blessed be your name in the land that is plentiful,

where the streams of abundance flow; blessed be your name.

Blessed be your name when I'm found in the desert place,  
when I walk through the wilderness; blessed be your name.

[Pre-Chorus]

Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise;

When the darkness closes in Lord, still I will say:

[Chorus]

Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your name, bless your name.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your glorious name.

2. Blessed be your name when the sun's shining down on me.

When the world's all as it should be blessed be your name.

Blessed be your name on the road marked with suffering,

Though there's pain in the offering blessed be your name.

[Bridge]

You give and take away you give and take away

My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be your name.

God you give and take away, Oh you give and take away

My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be your name.

### **My Life Is In You Lord**

[Chorus]

My life is in You, Lord, My strength is in You, Lord My hope is in You, Lord In You, it's in You. I will praise You with all of my heart.

[Verse]

I will praise You with all of my Strength With all of my life, and all of my strength. All of my hope is in You.

### **How Deep the Father's Love for us**

1. How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,

That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.

How great the pain of searing loss: the Father turns His face away

As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

2. Behold the man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders;  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.

3. I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer,  
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

### **Here I am to worship**

1. Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness, opened my eyes and let me see.  
Beauty that made this heart adore You, hope of a life spent with You  
[Refrain]

Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that You're my God  
Altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.

2. King of all days, oh so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above.  
Humbly You came to this earth You created, all for love's sake became poor  
[Bridge]

And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin up on that cross.  
I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross.

(Pausing for Silent Prayer and Confession...)

### **Words of Assurance**

**Leader:** Despite our resistance, we can be assured that God's strong arm redeems the people. God calls us back to God's realm, and encourages us with a love we can never lose no matter how hard we push back, no matter how often we forget, no matter how far we stray.

**People:** **We need but ask and we are forgiven. Amen**

### **Sharing Our Joys & Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Children's Message**

Dr. Leslie Lester

**CALLED TO THE WORD**

**Epistle Lesson**

Romans 8:22-27

Mack Lancaster

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

**\*Gospel Lesson**

Matthew 13:44-46

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

**Sermon**

“When God Closed the Door”

Gloria Foster

**\*Passing the Peace of Christ**

**Graduation Blessing**

Leader: May God's bright flame from the lamp of knowledge guide you. May God's warm glow off the pages of this book of wisdom comfort you. May the cool baptismal waters of God continue to refresh you in your endings and new beginnings. May your Soul always be fed at Christ's table, may your Heart always be open in the presence of the Holy Spirit, and may your Mind be transformed in the mighty presence of the Great "I Am."

**All: God is with you. God is with us. Go with God. Amen.**

### **CALLED TO SHARE**

**Offering** This is How We Know *LIFT Praise Band*

**\*Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures here below:  
Praise him above ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### **\*Prayer of Dedication**

**All: Loving and welcoming God, we have come through a time in our lives when, for many months, we sheltered in our homes: working from home, learning from home, worshipping from home. As we bring our tithes and offering to you this morning, you open our minds to a wider definition of home and a broader definition of family. May the gifts we give today find their way to home projects: ways this world can feel like a safer, more loving home to all your children. In Christ's holy name, we pray. Amen.**

### **CALLED TO WITNESS IN THE WORLD**

**\*Closing Praise** Shout to the Lord *LIFT Praise Band*

My Jesus, my savior, Lord, there is none like You;  
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love.  
My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength;  
Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You.

[Chorus]

Shout to the Lord, all the earth; Let us sing power and majesty, praise to the King.  
 Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of Your name.  
 I sing for joy at the work of Your hands; Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand.  
 Nothing compares to the promises I have in You.

**\*Sending Forth**

**\*Circle of Blessing**

*Shalom to You*

UMH 666

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.  
 In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

**Postlude**

*LIFT Praise Band*

	Counters	Ushers	Liturgist	Reader	Acolyte	Children's Message	Children's Church	Sermon
Jun 26	Robert & Bobbette & Janice	Robert & Bobbette	Langirene Aguilh	Mack Lancaster	Joe Myers	Leslie Lester	Amy/ Wanda /Eden	Gloria Foster
July 3	Robert & Jasper	Vidal & David	Michael Stewart	Adrian Plaza	Joe Myers	Leslie Lester	Sarah N/Leslie/ Esther	ChangYon g Shin

\*LIFT Praise Band: Arlene Stewart, Alexa Majana, Jessica Matos, Leslie Lester, Mack Lancaster, Rob Lester, Sarah Nwafor, Stefon Arseneault

\*Voice of Praise: Amy Stone, Alexa Majana, Avrille Nicholls David Winful, Gloria Foster, Hilda Taylor, Robert Kelly, Sarah Nwafor