

Order of Worship: Sunday, February 20, 2022

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Prelude *Festival Prelude on "Come All Christians, Be Committed"* (D. Phillips)
Gaye Herndon, organ

Welcome Rev. Kandace Brooks

Opening Prayer

We are called to love the Lord our God with all our heart and soul
We are called to love the Lord our God with all our mind and strength
We are called to love the Lord our God and to love our neighbor as ourselves.
Come, let us love our God and share God's love in this time of worship!

Opening Hymn *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* (UMH 127)

Affirmation of Faith

Every day we journey on this earth is a day in which we make choices:
left or right, up or down, in or out, yes or no?
Some choices are simple, and some are very complex,
but one choice informs all the others:
Who will be our God?
Who will we trust to see us through this journey?

**Who has been with us from before the beginning,
bringing us into existence?**
Who has loved us and blessed us and sent us on our way?
Who has pointed us toward the path and posted the signs we need to find our way?
Who has been at our side when the road has been smooth and gently curving?
Who has kept with us through hairpin turns and construction zones and potholes and detours?
Who will celebrate with us when we complete our course and seek the comfort of eternity?

Only One. God the Almighty; Will you choose this day to stay faithful to the One who is faithful to us?

We devote ourselves to God by renewing the covenant—the promise made to humanity so long ago.
You are our God, we will be your people.
Enlarge our faithfulness, our trust, our commitment and our love
so that we may graciously keep our promise.
Help us always to recognize your presence and your blessings throughout our journey.
Keep us in your care. Amen.

Gloria Patri

Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Anthem *You Are My All In All* (arr. B. Greer) Covenant Chancel Choir

Children's Message

Scripture

Deuteronomy 10:12-22

*So now, O Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you? **Only to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul,** ¹³ **and to keep the commandments of the LORD your God and his decrees that I am commanding you today, for your own well-being.** ¹⁴ Although heaven and the heaven of heavens belong to the LORD your God, the earth with all that is in it, ¹⁵ yet the LORD set his heart in love on your ancestors alone and chose you, their descendants after them, out of all the peoples, as it is today. ¹⁶ Circumcise, then, the foreskin of your heart, and do not be stubborn any longer. ¹⁷ For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, ¹⁸ who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. ¹⁹ You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. ²⁰ You shall fear the LORD your God; him alone you shall worship; to him you shall hold fast, and by his name you shall swear. ²¹ He is your praise; he is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen. ²² Your ancestors went down to Egypt seventy persons; and now the LORD your God has made you as numerous as the stars in heaven.*

Sermon

COMMITMENT: To Whom or What?

Closing Hymn*Take My Life and Let it Be (UMH 399)***Closing Prayer**

**Wonderful God, you call us to do the impossible:
to love our enemies, to confront injustice, to share bountifully with the poor.
You call us to be perfect in our imitation of you.
And yet, you give us everything:
love abounding, the foundation of Christ, and the gift of creation.
Bless us, therefore, as we depart this place:
give us the blessing of a faithful spirit, a willing heart,
and deep commitment to your purposes. Amen!**

Postlude*Toccata on 'I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord' (A. Williams)*