

Battle Mountain United Methodist Church

11 AM Human Relations Sunday January 15, 2023

“You are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God’s people and also members of his household.” Ephesians 2:19

GATHERING AS A CHURCH

Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

Welcome and Announcements (p. 4)

Call to Worship

Leader: It's here!; the Kingdom of God is in our midst! Let your Reign, O God, be acknowledged among all people.

People: **May we stand on your truth, with your righteousness and love as our foundation.**

Leader: Across the horizon we see the outline of harmony as we do your will and work for justice and true peace.

People: **We have the privilege of knowing you as a giving and forgiving Father. With privilege comes responsibility; with responsibility comes accountability; with accountability comes honesty, with honesty comes faithfulness.**

All: **God of Creation, our Lord Jesus Christ, help us to walk closely with you and equip us to live faithfully in your Kingdom!**

Opening Songs

Opening Prayer

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us. As we worship today, we remember our brothers and sisters who are worshiping elsewhere throughout the world. Inspire us to work faithfully for justice and dignity of life everywhere. Raise our vision above the barriers of color, culture and language that separate us. Give us wisdom as we interact with one another. Strengthen us to reach out with helpful hands and open our hearts in love, that we may serve as you would serve others in this world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

HEARING THE WORD

Time for Youth

Pastor Judy

Joys, Risks, and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer / The 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.

Offering of Tithes and Gifts
Doxology / Prayer of Dedication

New Testament		Acts 6:1-6
Epistle Reading		Ephesians 2:11-14, 18-20
Hymn	<i>"Jesu, Jesu"</i>	UMH 432 (p. 3)
Gospel Reading		John 1:43-49
Message	<i>"Our Home Mission"</i>	

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Hymn	<i>"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"</i>	UMH 569 (p. 3)
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Holy Communion Invitation

Prayer of Confession and Pardon: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, and we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Glory to God. Amen.

Taking the Bread & Cup / Giving the Bread & Cup

Prayer after Receiving: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

Closing Hymn:	<i>"One Bread, One Body"</i>	UMH 620 (p. 3)
Benediction		

Jesu, Jesu – UMH 432

Refrain: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet, Master who acts as a slave to them.
(Refrain)

Neighbors are rich and poor, neighbors are black and white, neighbors are near and far away.
(Refrain)

These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love; all these are neighbors to us and you. *(Refrain)*

Loving puts us on our knees, serving as though we are slaves, this is the way we should live with you. *(Refrain)*

Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet, this is the way we should live with you. *(Refrain)*

We've a Story to Tell to the Nations – UMH 569

We've a story to tell to the nations, that shall turn their hearts to the right, a story of truth and mercy, a story of peace and light, a story of peace and light. *(Refrain)*

Refrain: For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noonday bright; And Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth, the kingdom of love and light.

We've a song to be sung to the nations, that shall lift their hearts to the Lord, a song that shall conquer evil and shatter the spear and sword, and shatter the spear and sword. *(Refrain)*

We've a message to give to the nations, that the Lord who reigneth above hath send us his Son to save us, and show us that God is love, and show us that God is love. *(Refrain)*

We've a Savior to show to the nations, who the path of sorrow hath trod, that all of the world's great peoples might come to the truth of God, might come to the truth of God. *(Refrain)*

One Bread, One Body – UMH 620

One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man no more. One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one for all. One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

Worship Opportunities

Praising & Praying @ 9:45 AM
Sunday School @ 10 AM – Worship @ 11 AM
Drive-Up/Outdoor on FM radio 107.5
Online Worship on Christian World Media & Facebook
Contemporary Worship – Saturday, Feb 11th @ 6 PM

Personal Growth Opportunities

“Living Faithfully” Bible Study – Wed, Jan 18th @ 6 PM

Service Opportunities

Long-Term Care Worship – Sunday, Jan 15th
Helping Hands @ AG Church – Saturday, Feb 4th

Fellowship Opportunities

Visit each other in-person, or call/text
No-Host Breakfast Saturdays @ 8 AM at The Owl Club

Upcoming Church Meetings

Admin Council – Wednesday, Feb 15th @ 6 PM

Serving Our Church Today

Worship Leader-Shawn Jones; Music-Keith Jones;
Liturgist-Keith Jones; Message-Pastor Judy Robbins;
Acolytes-Jennifer Staton & Blayne Jones;
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