

OPENING PRAYER — Lin

HYMN TFWs #2233 “Where Children Belong”

CHILDREN’S STORY — Sharon Goldade

SPECIAL MUSIC — Choir “Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”

SCRIPTURE: Luke 13:31-35 — Bonnie Clark

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” ³²He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ ³⁴Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

MESSAGE “The Road Is Long” Rev. Lin Cheek

RESPONSIVE HYMN UMH #451 “Be Thou My Vision”

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art; Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my Wisdom, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; Thou my great Father, and I thy true son, thou in me dwelling and I with thee one.
3. Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise; Thou mine inheritance, now and always; Thou and thou only, first in my heart, high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.
4. High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

OFFERTORY — Bill Smith & Eric Presnall “This World Is Not My Home”

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH #94

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION — Bonnie Clark**

ALL: Loving God, our shelter and hope, as we walk through this holy season, we come to you with hearts open to your grace. In our giving, may we reflect the love that sustains us, and may we lift one another up in times of need and vulnerability. Use these offerings to bring comfort to the weary and hope to the brokenhearted, just as you draw near to us in our struggles. Strengthen us to be a source of light and love in this world, reflecting your compassion in all we do. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER — Lin

All: 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.

***CLOSING HYMN**

UMH #383 "This Is a Day of New Beginnings" (vs 1-4)

1. This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember and move on,
Time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that's gone.
2. For by the life and death of Jesus, God's mighty Spirit, now as then,
Can make for us a world of difference, as faith and hope are born again.
3. Then let us, with the Spirit's daring, step from the past and leave behind
Our disappointment, guilt, and grieving, seeking new paths, and sure to find.
4. Christ is alive, and goes before us to show and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings; our God is making all things new.

***BENEDICTION — Lin**

POSTLUDE — Blaine Lee

Prelude/Postlude—Blaine Lee	Accomp.—Anneke Toomey	Special Music — Choir
Offertory—Bill Smith & Eric Presnall	Song Leader—Janice Bachmann	
Violin — Rae Ann Norell	Organ — Betsy Foushee	
Liturgist — Bonnie Clark	Children's Message— Sharon Goldade	