

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Announcements**

**Sending Song** For the Bread Which You Have Broken  
pg 614

**\*Benediction and Blessing**

**Postlude** I Come With Joy

**\* Please stand**



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**October 1, 2023 - 10:30 am**  
**“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors”**

**Welcome**

Celebration of Birthdays/Anniversaries

**Prelude** Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

**Opening Hymn**

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Over thousands of years across thousands of miles, we share the stories of our ancestors.

Men: How the Lord divided the sea and let the people pass through.

Women: Of the times bread rained from heaven and water flowed from desert rocks.

Leader: These stories and hundreds more are our stories, stories of the family of God.

All: We will not forget, nor will we hide these stories from our children. We will tell the coming generations about the glorious deeds of the Lord!

**\*Praise Hymn** As We Gather at Your Table FWS pg. 2268

**Invocation** (unison prayer)

Good and gracious God, we come here to learn our family history and to share the stories, songs, and traditions we inherited from our ancestors.

We come to experience your presence in fresh ways, to give birth to new stories and to begin the traditions that future generations will inherit from us.

Do your work among us, God, as we gather to worship you. Guide us in your Way now as in generations past. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

**Psalm of the Day** (responsive) Psalm 78 pg. 799

**Reading the Word** Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32  
Epistle: Philippians 2:1-13

**Response**

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God!

**Meditation** “Surely You Don’t Mean *Me*?”

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**Hymn** Let Us Break Bread Together Pg. 618

**Invitation To Offering**

We are called to rejoice in hope, be patient in adversity, persevere in prayer and contribute to the needs of the saints. With glad and generous hearts let us each share, offering our life to the Lord of all life.

**The Offertory**

**\*Doxology** UMH 95

**The Prayer of Dedication** (unison)

Holy One, guide us in the wise use of our gifts, that through this church the world may glimpse your coming realm. We ask this in Jesus name. Amen.

**The Prayers of the People** Our Joys and Concerns