

Prelude: Morning Has Broken, Arranged by Richard Kingsmore

Opening Hymn: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Verse 1
Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, they great name we praise.

Verse 2
Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Verse 3
To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

Verse 4
Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
’tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

Welcome

Jesus says, Look, I am with you always.

How is God with us?

Look in our suffering. **The Lord is with us offering mercy!**
Look in our death to the power of sin. **The Lord is with us offering grace.**
Look in our hearts, souls, and minds. **The Lord is with us eternally.**
Look in our daily task. **The Lord is with us just as Promised.**

Special Music: Amazing Grace

Morning Prayer

Lord, when change visits our lives we often cling to selfishness.

In the name of Joel and Abijah, we defend ourselves.

The name Joel means “Jehovah is God.” **We believe the Lord is God, creator of heaven and earth.**

The name Abijah means “Jehovah is my Father.” **We pray, “Our Father in Heaven...”**

While we believe; we place our faith in mortals. **When shall we let God be our judge? When shall we let God be our King?**

The Lord’s Prayer

Hymn: O Spirit of the Living God

Verse 1
O Spirit of the living God, thou
light and fire divine, descend upon thy
church once more, and make it truly thine.
Fill it with love and joy and power, with
righteousness and peace; till Christ shall dwell in
human hearts, and sin and sorrow cease.

Verse 2
Blow, wind of God! With wisdom blow until
our minds are free from mists of error,
clouds of doubt, which blind our eyes to thee.
Burn, winged fire! Inspire our lips with
flaming love and zeal, to preach to all thy
great good news, God’s glorious commonweal.

Scripture: I Samuel 8: 1-20

When Samuel grew old, he appointed his sons as Israel’s leaders. ² The name of his firstborn was Joel and the name of his second was Abijah, and they served at Beersheba. ³ But his sons did not follow his ways. They turned aside after dishonest gain and accepted bribes and perverted justice.

⁴ So all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah. ⁵ They said to him, “You are old, and your sons do not follow your ways; now appoint a king to lead us, such as all the other nations have.”

⁶ But when they said, “Give us a king to lead us,” this displeased Samuel; so he prayed to the Lord. ⁷ And the Lord told him: “Listen to all that the people are saying to you; it is not you they have rejected , but they have rejected me as their king. ⁸ As they have done from the day I brought them up out of Egypt until this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so they are doing to you. ⁹ Now listen to them; but warn them solemnly and let them know what the king who will reign over them will claim as his rights.”

¹⁰ Samuel told all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king. ¹¹ He said, “This is what the king who will reign over you will claim as his rights: He will take your sons and make them serve with his chariots and horses, and they will run in front of his chariots. ¹² Some he will assign to be commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and others to plow his ground and reap his harvest, and still others to make weapons of war and equipment for his chariots. ¹³ He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. ¹⁴ He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive groves and give them to his attendants. ¹⁶ Your male and female servants and the best of your cattle and donkeys he will take for his own use. ¹⁷ He will take a tenth of your flocks, and you yourselves will become his slaves. ¹⁸ When that day comes, you will cry out for relief from the king you have chosen, but the Lord will not answer you in that day.”

¹⁹ But the people refused to listen to Samuel, “No!” they said. “We want a king over us. ²⁰ Then we will be like all the other nations, with a king to lead us and to go out before us and fight out battles.”

Instrumental Meditation: Search Me, O God, Arranged by Greg Hewlett
Be Still. Be still and know. Be still and know I am. Be still and know I am with you...as love, peace, and patience...

Message: Clinging to Selfishness

Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
On the third day he rose for the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Closing Hymn: My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Verse 1
My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of
Calvary, Savior divine! Now hear me
while I pray, take all my guilt away,
O let me from this day be wholly thine!

Verse 2
May they rich grace impart strength to my
fainting heart, my zeal inspire! As thou hast
died for me, O may my love to thee
pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!

Benediction

Tithes and Offerings

Postlude: Spring (Concerto Op.8, No.1) from The Four Seasons by Antonio Vivaldi

Holston United Methodist Home for Children

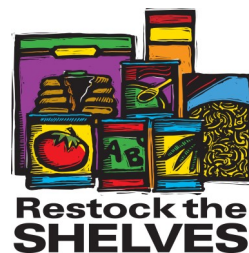
Brandon’s mother battled her entire life with chronic mental issues. When Brandon was 10 months old, she dropped him off at the local DCS office. His maternal family stepped in to raise him, but his behavior declined as he got older. Brandon was eventually placed at Holston Home where the staff refused to give up on him. He learned to manage his anger and was able to return home at the end of the school year. Holston Home continues to watch his progress.

Amber had a history of running away, drug abuse, truancy, and was even hospitalized for cutting herself. She was given several options for placement and Holston Home seemed to be her best option. Once she settled into the program, she began reaching her goals. Her self-esteem improved as she understood God’s love for her. “I plan to go to college after graduation, continue working, and be successful in life,” Amber said.

Please give generously to Holston United Methodist Home for Children on Fifth Sunday, May 30th so that young people like Brandon and Amber will continue to experience God’s grace, love, and hope for the future with a chance for success.

UPS Back Pack Program

Don’t forget that each month we are going to Restock the Shelves for the Union Primary School Back Pack Program with a specific kind of food. The food item for May is Juice Boxes.



A Human King will claim his Rights	Jesus Reveals God’s Nature, Righteousness
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• He will take your sons and make them serve him.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• God gives us Jesus.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• He will make them commanders of 1000s and 50s.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jesus makes us sons and daughters of God through His Suffering, Death, and Resurrection.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• He will make them plow and reap and make weapons.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jesus teaches God’s children to be Peacemakers who bless people who curse them.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• He will take your daughters to be perfumers, cooks, and bakers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• He perfumes sin with God’s Mercy. He eats with sinners at God’s table of Grace. In breaking the baker’s bread, we remember Jesus is with us in our suffering.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• He will take your best lands, vineyards, and orchards.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• He leads us into the Kingdom of Heaven where God’s will is done here on earth. He turns water into wine, there is joy in the Lord. He makes us the Fruit of the Tree of Life.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• He will take a tenth of everything you own.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• He gives us His Spirit as the first fruits of our inheritance— eternal Life.

Food for Thought

Samuel’s name means “I listen to hear God.” Pray, then, like Samuel!
-Robert

Prayer is the practice of denying selfish-self to take up our cross, receive God’s mercy, live in God’s grace, and love our neighbors as Jesus loves us.

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