

Halloween Sunday! October 31, 2021

GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

Moments of Praise

You are the Seed (Vs. 1) UMH 583



Greeting and Opening Prayer

Unison: Grant us, compassionate God, the lamp of love which never fails, that it may burn in us and shed its light on those around us, and that by its brightness we may have a vision of that holy City, where the true and never-failing Light lives: Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

WORD

Scripture Lesson

Mark 12:28-34

NRSV

28 One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" 29 Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; 30 you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' 31 The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." 32 Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; 33 and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,'—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." 34 When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

L: The word of God to the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Children's Time

Linda Burton-Collier

Sermon

Fear Vs. Love

Pastor Kelsey

RESPONSE

Response Song

The Gift of Love

UMH 408



Prayers of the People

Passing of the Peace

Offering & *Doxology



SEND

*Closing Song

Lord of the Dance

UMH 261



*Benediction

Postlude



CURRENT WORSHIP GUIDELINES

Current COVID guidelines to help keep us all as safe as possible:

- **Masks are recommended** for all.
- Please **Social Distance**, sitting in every other pew.
- Bulletins, and Offering/Loose change is on the welcome table.
- Childcare is in the basement with a vaccinated, paid adult (on Wed). Kids must maintain safety restrictions while there.
- We will be sharing the Wednesday service over Zoom live.

Welcome to Parents with Children

*Thank you for what you do when you bring your children to church.
Please know that your family – with all of its noise, struggle, commotion,
and joy – are not simply tolerated: you are a vital part of this community.
We love to have you and your children with us.*

Parents: please ask an usher for worship packs for your children.

Hospitality and Accessibility

- Bathrooms are located next door in the fellowship hall.
- Nursery and changing area are located downstairs.
- Large print materials are available in the narthex
- **Join us for food and fellowship next door after worship!**

Getting Connected

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