

## Welcome!

We are so happy to be here together! Here are a few guidelines for how we can worship safely together:

Please stay seated until the ushers come to guide you out of the Sanctuary. If you would like to make your offering while you are here today, there is an offering plate by the door. You may also continue to give using our website or by mailing a check.

In order to help keep everyone safe, please take your bulletins and any trash with you when you leave.

This service will be livestreamed on YouTube and a recording will be posted on social media for watching at a later time.



## Giving Up Our Assumptions

March 14, 2021

Musical Gift  
“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

*arr. Wilson*

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Hymn #731 “Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken”

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;  
God, whose word cannot be broken, formed thee for his own abode.  
On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation’s walls surrounded, thou mayst smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,  
Well supply thy sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint while such a river ever will their thirst assuage?  
Grace which like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear  
for a glory and a covering, showing that the Lord is near!  
Thus deriving from our banner light by night and shade by day,  
Safe we feed upon the manna which God gives us when we pray.

Blest inhabitants of Zion, washed in our Redeemer’s blood;  
Jesus, whom our souls rely on, makes us monarchs, priests to God.  
Us, by his great love, he raises, rulers over self to reign,  
And as priests his solemn praises we for thankful offering bring.

### Discussion Questions

- Giving Up Propriety, John 12:1-11

Read the scripture for this week, and think about how you might respond if you were the one sitting next to Jesus that night. Would you be bothered by this emotional act? Have you ever gone against what was expected in your daily life out of love for God? What about love for other people?

As you ponder these things in preparation for Sunday, I would love to hear what God is saying to you. Call me at 256-353-6941 or email me at [miriam@centralunitedmethodist.com](mailto:miriam@centralunitedmethodist.com).



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Love OTHERS



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Prayers of the People

**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 for ever. Amen.**

Special Music “In the Presence of Jehovah”

*Arr. Koerts*

Bible Reading — John 4:1-42, verses 10-14 printed below  
— [Prayer]

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed,  
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.”

The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? You aren’t greater than our father Jacob, are you? He gave this well to us, and he drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.”

Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks from the water that I will give will never be thirsty again. The water that I give will become in those who drink it a spring of water that bubbles up into eternal life.”

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Message — “Giving Up Our Assumptions”

Rev. Miriam Smith

Closing Hymn #357 “Just As I Am, Without One Plea”

Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me,  
And that thou bidst me come to thee,

***Refrain***

**O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

Just as I am, and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot,  
To thee whose blood can cleanse each spot,

***Refrain***

Just as I am thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because thy promise I believe,

***Refrain***

Just as I am, thy love unknown hath broken every barrier down;  
Now, to be thine, yea, thine alone,

***Refrain***

Benediction

Musical Gift “Boundless Grace”

*Paxton*

Organist: Virginia Paul

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“In the Presence of Jehovah” - Arr. Koerts

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