



# WHITEHOUSE UMC

...to love, serve, and share Christ

THE 13<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
AUGUST 30, 2020—9:30 AM

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Dr. Sarah Roberts

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN

*1. We have heard the joyful sound:  
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!  
Spread the tidings all around:  
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!  
Bear the news to every land,  
climb the steeps and cross the waves;  
Onward!—'tis our Lord's command;  
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!*

*Jesus Saves, vv.1-3  
2. Waft it on the rolling tide;  
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!  
Tell to sinners far and wide:  
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!  
Sing, ye islands of the sea;  
echo back, ye ocean caves;  
Earth shall keep her jubilee:  
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!*

*Cokesbury 131  
3. Sing above the battle strife,  
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!  
By his death and endless life,  
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!  
Sing it softly through the gloom,  
when the heart of mercy craves;  
sing in triumph o'er the tomb,—  
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!*

"Jesus Saves" – words by Priscilla J. Owens., music by William J. Kirkpatrick  
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\*AFFIRMATION

The Nicene Creed

UMH 880

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

\*RESPONSE

The Gloria Patri

UMH 70

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

"Gloria Patri" – words The Lesser Doxology, music by Charles Meineke  
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PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Trey Burns

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

**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.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

WUMC Chanel Choir

\*OFFERING MOMENT & DOXOLOGY

UMH 94

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" - words by Thomas Ken (adapt. Gilbert H. Viera), harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams  
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\*HYMN

*1. Why should I feel discouraged,  
why should the shadows come,  
why should my heart be lonely  
and long for Heav'n and home,  
when Jesus is my portion?  
My constant friend is he:  
His eye is on the sparrow,  
and I know he watches me.*

His Eye Is On The Sparrow  
*2. "Let not your heart be troubled,"  
his tender word I hear,  
and resting on his goodness,  
I lose my doubts and fears;  
though by the path he leadeth  
but one step I may see:  
His eye is on the sparrow,  
and I know he watches me.*

Cokesbury 231

*3. Whenever I am tempted,  
whenever clouds arise,  
when songs give place to sighing,  
when hope within me dies,  
I draw closer to him,  
from care he sets me free;  
His eye is on the sparrow,  
and I know he watches me.*

*Refrain:*

*I sing because I'm happy,  
I sing because I'm free,  
for his eye is on the sparrow,  
and I know he watches me.*

*"His Eye Is On The Sparrow"*  
Words by Civilla D. Martin  
Music by Charles H. Gabriel  
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THEME READING

There is only one condition previously required of those who desire admission into these societies: "a desire to flee from the wrath to come, and to be saved from their sins." But wherever this is really fixed in the soul it will be shown by its fruits.

It is therefore expected of all who continue therein that they should continue to evidence their desire of salvation,

*First:* By doing no harm, by avoiding evil of every kind, especially that which is most generally practiced...

It is expected of all who continue in these societies that they should continue to evidence their desire of salvation,

*Secondly:* By doing good; by being in every kind merciful after their power; as they have opportunity, doing good of every possible sort, and, as far as possible, to all people...

It is expected of all who desire to continue in these societies that they should continue to evidence their desire of salvation,

*Thirdly:* By attending upon all the ordinances of God...

These are the General Rules of our societies; all of which we are taught of God to observe, even in his written Word, which is the only rule, and the sufficient rule, both of our faith and practice. And all these we know his Spirit writes on truly awakened hearts. If there be any among us who observe them not, who habitually break any of them, let it be known unto them who watch over that soul as they who must give an account. We will admonish that person of the error of their ways. We will bear with them for a season. But then, if they repent not, they hath no more place among us. We have delivered our own souls.

\*SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:17-20

Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

This is the word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Old Time Religion: Rules, Rules, Rules

Rev. Trey Burns

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

\*HYMN

Sweet By And By

Cokesbury 199

1. There's a land that is fairer than day,  
and by faith we can see it afar;  
for the Father waits over the way,  
to prepare us a dwelling place there.

2. We shall sing on the beautiful shore  
the melodious songs of the blest,  
and our spirits shall sorrow no more,  
not a sigh for the blessing of rest.

Refrain  
In the sweet by and by,  
we shall meet on the beautiful shore.

3. To our bountiful Father above,  
we will offer our tribute of praise,  
for the glorious gift of his love,  
and the blessings that hallow our days

"Sweet By And By" – words by Sanford Fillmore Bennett, music by Joseph Philbrick Webster  
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\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Dr. Sarah Roberts

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PRAYER LIST

The Weavers	Sandra Walton	Joe Greenwell	Kristen Longfellow
Janice Dupree	Andrea Harris	Jason Krob	Ryan Baron
The Wilkes	The Loros	Brenda Caps	Lauren Lawler
Berna Younger	Joyce Bammes	Alfred Vest	Bri Benoit
Harold Marshall	Matt Lockwood	Nathan Lane	Betty Garner
Stacy & Chris Simpson	Bobbie Akers	Gaige Hendley	Bert Gardner
Carl Lintner	Kelly Kea	Our Schools	Gene Ruelle
Guy DeLaMarter	Luke Shaeffer	Members of our military	First Responders
Loved ones of Glenda Stone	Our Community	Our church family	Our elected officials
	Our Country		

We lift up all those people in Southeast Texas and Southwestern Louisiana who were gravely affected by Hurricane Laura. We pray especially for all those who lost loved ones to the storm, and for all those who have been displaced in its aftermath.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The United Methodist Committee on Relief [UMCOR] is already moving in response to Hurricane Laura. If you'd like to give to UMCOR's efforts, you can either give a designated gift to WUMC by check or by choosing the Hurricane Laura Relief designation on our giving portal, or you can give directly to UMCOR at [advance.umcor.org/p-620-umcor-us-disaster-response-and-recovery.aspx](http://advance.umcor.org/p-620-umcor-us-disaster-response-and-recovery.aspx). As always, 100% of designated gifts to UMCOR go directly to disaster relief.

The deadline for Back to School offerings for supplies and new teacher gifts is tomorrow, August 31! Give by check with a note in the memo line, or online through the "Back to School Offering" designation at [whitehouseumc.com/donate](http://whitehouseumc.com/donate).

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