First United Methodist Church

11:00 AM Service of Worship

**February 9, 2020**

**Fifth SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

# GATHERING

**WELCOME, REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE, ANNOUNCEMENTS**. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .Rev. Melissa Traver

 (Please sign and pass the attendance pad down your pew.

Guests: please include your phone number and complete address.)

**PRELUDE** . . . . . . . . . . . . “Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior”. . . tune, *Adoro te devote*  Mode V; *Processionale*

text by St. Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274), setting by Healey Willan (1880-1968)

**LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES** . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Ava Martin and Asher Flowers, Acolytes

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .Xander Griffis

Leader: Blessed are those whose way is blameless,

 who walk in the law of the Lord!

**People: Blessed are those who keep God’s testimonies,**

 **who seek God with their whole heart,**

Leader: who also do no wrong,

 but walk in God’s ways!

**People: You have commanded your precepts**

 **to be kept diligently.**

Leader: O that my ways may be steadfast

 in keeping your statutes!

**People: Then I shall not be put to shame,**

 **having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.**

Leader: I will praise you with an upright heart,

 when I learn your righteous ordinances.

**People: I will observe your statutes;**

**O forsake me not utterly!**

--*United Methodist Hymnal #841, Psalm 119:1-8*

**\*HYMN # 77** . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . “How Great Thou Art”

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NO. 881**. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . “The 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 by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,**

 **suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried;**

 **the third day he rose from 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.**

**\*RESPONSE NO. 70** . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . “Glory Be to the Father”

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**CALL TO PRAYER # 339**. . . . . . . . . “Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast” . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Chancel Choir

**THE MORNING PRAYER**

(At the appropriate time, you are invited to say prayer requests aloud as part of the prayer.)

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**\*HYMN # 173** . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

**OFFERTORY PRAYER** . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Xander Griffis

**OFFERTORY**. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . “I Choose Love”. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . M. Miller. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Youth Choir

**\*PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS # 95** . . . . . . . . . “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

**CHILDREN’S MOMENT**. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Ida Cooksey

(Children, Kindergarten and younger, are invited to leave the Sanctuary for age-appropriate learning activities.)

**ANTHEM** . . . . . . . . . . . . . “Concertato on Lord of the Dance” . . . . . . . . . . H. H. Hopson . . . . . . . .Chancel Choir

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**SCRIPTURE** . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Deuteronomy 30:15-20. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Rev. Melissa Traver

**SERMON**  . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Rev. Melissa Traver

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**MOMENT OF REFLECTION**

**Invitation to Christian Discipleship**

**\*HYMN # 391** . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .“O Happy Day, That Fixed My Choice”

**SENDING FORTH**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*RESPONSE # 670** . . . . . . . . . . . . . “God Be with You till We Meet Again” . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Chancel Choir

**POSTLUDE** . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . “Lo, He Comes, With Clouds Descending” . . UMH#718, text- Charles Wesley

**\***PLEASE STAND (AS ABLE)

**Bulletin Baskets:** are foundat the back of the Sanctuary for your convenience to discard your bulletins.

**Reminder to parents: Safe Sanctuary Policy** – “No child is left unsupervised for any reason at any time.” Parents are encouraged to take their children to the restroom before any worship service begins. If a child needs to go to the restroom during worship, an adult or buddy needs to go with him/her.

**Hearing Assistive Devices** are available on the back table or ask an usher for help.

**Sermon Copies Available:** If you need a copy of the sermon due to difficulty hearing during worship, please let Pastor Melissa know. She will have copies available for you on Sunday morning.

**Prelude Note:** The words for the hymn “Adoro te devote” were written by St. Thomas Aquinas who lived in the 1200’s. The translation for the hymn begins “I devoutly adore you, hidden God.” The text has been used for many musical compositions in the church during the last 850 years. The melody for the hymn is used for today’s prelude. The Englishman, Healy Willan, wrote this prelude.

**Members Who Minister**

**Senior Pastor**: Rev. Melissa Traver  **Director of Music Ministries**: Yuliia Billa

**Children’s Director**: Ida Cooksey **Organ**: Dr. Doug West **Piano:** Matthew DeJong

**Ushers for February 2020:** Hal Earnest, John Bridges, Paul Johnson, Todd Mills

**Greeters for February 9, 2020:** 11:00 AM Mary O’Quinn SS Class

**Acolytes for February 9, 2020:** Ava Martin and Asher Flowers

**Traditional Worship Lay Liturgist for February 9, 2020:** Xander Griffis

**Welcome New Members**

We are pleased to welcome new members, Tom and Sam Gates who joined last Sunday, February 2, 2020 by letter of transfer. Welcome to the family.

**District Day of Giving Back at Vashti**

On Saturday, February 22, we will have our District-Wide Family Service Day at Vashti Center in Thomasville. It will include assembling UMCOR Hygiene Kits. **We are asked to bring single package toothbrushes and $1.00 for the Hygiene Kit supplies. Please donate toothbrushes even if you cannot attend.** Drop off toothbrushes and donations to the Church Office. RSVP to the Church Office by February 14 if you are coming.