



CORNERSTONE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 20, 2023
10:30am Sunday Service

THE GATHERING

Welcome and Opportunities for Ministry

Prelude

Call To Worship

Beloved disciples, welcome! We gather as people reconciled to one another and God through grace, a gift freely and lovingly given that we do not earn or deserve. We receive the marvelous work of grace in our lives, and we wonder, "Is it fair?"

No! God's grace is not fair, but a gift of God's mercy.

We gather as neighbors who have experienced difficulties of every kind. We feel uncertain, fearful, and overwhelmed, and we wonder, "Is it fair?"

No! Our difficulties are not fair, and God's grace meets our uncertainty with mercy and love.

We gather as a community that knows the suffering of our neighbors. We look at the effects of poverty, food insecurity, and trauma in our neighborhoods, and we wonder, "Is it fair?"

No! The suffering of our neighbors is not fair, and God's grace calls us to respond to suffering with mercy and justice.

We gather as people who question how to live into God's abundance and flourishing in a world built on scarcity and greed, and we wonder, "Is it fair?"

Yes! God's life of abundance and flourishing is fair, because it is merciful. May God's grace form us into people of mercy, justice, compassion, and truth-telling as we gather today. Amen.

Opening Song This Is a Day of New Beginnings UMH 383

KNOWING GOD

Children's Time

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| Sermon | Recognizing Jesus Luke 5:1-11 | George Fisk |
| Response | As a Fire is Meant for Burning | TFWS 2237 |

LOVING GOD

Joys and Concerns

Prayer of the People

Offering Build My Life

Doxology

SERVING GOD

Closing Song Goodness is Stronger Than Evil TFWS 2219

Benediction

Worshiping with us Online:

1. Go to our YouTube Channel:

www.YouTube.com/CUMCGarland

2. Send Joys and Concerns as a comment on the YouTube or Facebook Live chat section

3. Give online at:

<https://onrealm.org/CUMCGarland/-/give/now>

or Text to give:

[Text CUMCGARLAND with the dollar amount to 73256](https://onrealm.org/CUMCGarland/-/give/now)



Let your financial gifts be a challenge to give out of your resources for spiritual reasons. Give out of joy and thanksgiving. Please know that every gift from our members and non-members is sincerely appreciated.

Announcements

Please donate slightly used or new backpacks for one of our mission projects.

Monday evening Bible Study will resume in September.

Please continue to bring canned goods and other food items for our community food pantry. Thank you for sharing with others.

Friday Morning Bible Study
Begins Sept. 8
9:30am

**Pumpkin Patch:
Coming this fall!**

**SMU Football Season is coming soon.
Contact Kathy Rickett at kjsrickett@aol.com
or Chris Rickett at chrisrickett@cornerstone-umc.org
for more information about how you can help with concessions.**

**Continued prayers for Pastor Rick and Andrea,
as well as the rest of their family.**

CUMC Staff

**Rev. George Fisk
Rev. Lois Cooper
Aaron Fryklund**

**Pastor
Pastor Emeritus
Minister of Music
and Worship
CCLC Director
Tech.**

Christopher Rickett

**Accompanist
Violinist**

**Tom Watson
Melissa Mobilia**

This Is a Day of New Beginnings UMH 383

This is a day of new beginnings,
time to remember and move on,
time to believe what love is bringing,
laying to rest the pain that's gone.

For by the life and death of Jesus,
God's mighty Spirit, now as then,
can make for us a world of difference,
as faith and hope are born again.

Then let us, with the Spirit's daring,
step from the past and leave behind
our disappointment, guilt, and grieving,
seeking new paths, and sure to find.

Christ is alive, and goes before us
to show and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings;
our God is making all things new.

As a Fire is Meant for Burning TFWS 2237

As a fire is meant for burning
with a bright and warming flame,
so the church is meant for mission,
giving glory to God's name.
Not to preach our creeds or customs,
but to build a bridge of care,
we join hands across the nations,
finding neighbours everywhere.

We are learners; we are teachers;
we are pilgrims on the way.
We are seekers; we are givers;
we are vessels made of clay.
By our gentle, loving actions,
we would show that Christ is light.
In a humble, listening Spirit,
we would live to God's delight.

As a green bud in the springtime
is the sign of life renewed,
so may we be signs of oneness
'mid earth's peoples, many hued.
As a rainbow lights the heavens
when a storm is past and gone,
may our lives reflect the radiance
of God's new and glorious dawn.

Goodness is Stronger Than Evil TFWS 2219

Goodness is stronger than evil;
love is stronger than hate;
light is stronger than darkness;
life is stronger than death.
Victory is ours, victory is ours
through Him who loved us.