Welcome by Rev. Jennifer Ingold Asbill

Welcome Statement
As our Lord Jesus Christ calls us to love and accept every person, Duke Memorial United Methodist Church welcomes into our life together those of every age, race, ethnic background, nationality, gender identity, sexual orientation, family or socioeconomic status, educational background, and physical or mental ability. In our commitment to the reconciliation of all persons as beloved children of God, we celebrate our diversity and recognize the sacred worth and dignity of all. We invite you to join us in our faith journey toward discipleship in Christ with mutual respect, understanding, and love.

Prelude
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing by Fred Mason

Call to Worship
O, Lord on high, the worship you desire from your faithful is:
To loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke.
To share food with everyone who is hungry;
Share shelter with the poor and homeless.
To give clothes to those in need; don’t turn away your relatives.
Upon those who offer this type of worship to the Lord, light will shine like the dawning sun, and their healing will spring up quickly.
When they call, the Lord will answer;
When they cry for help, God will say, Here I am.
God, you delight when we feed the hungry, turn from lies, care for the poor, refuse cruelty, and choose lovingkindness.
So, let our light shine in the dark, nurture us like a well-watered garden, and fill us as a never-ending stream for all to be nourished.

Isaiah 58 adapt.
PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbor in your land.” (Deut. 15:11)

God of justice, forgive us for forgetting to think about others. Forgive us for forgetting that all we have comes from you. Unclench our fists and awaken our hearts so we may be your generous people. Give us the will to open our hands to the poor and to our needy neighbors.

“Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” (Luke 3:11)

God of creation, our land is filled with an abundance of food, yet some are still hungry. Give us grace to share, willingly and joyfully, with your hungry children across our land. Let us be an obedient and faithful people who meet the needs of the poor.

“Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food…?”

Jesus, were you the woman who waited my table? Were you the man I walked by without seeing? Are you a child in my neighborhood who goes to bed hungry?

“Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” (Matt. 25:37,40)

Loving God, You care for all creation and command us to care for the poor of our nation and world. Open our eyes to recognize the needs that are before us in the lives of the poor, open our ears to hear the cries of your hungry children, and restore our will to respond. May we remember that the service we give to others is service given to your son, Jesus Christ.

Litany, Society of St Andrew, adapt.

Moment for personal confession

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
Glory to God. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

All extend signs of reconciliation and love by greeting one another with the words, “The peace of Christ be with you.”
PROCLAMATION

CHILDREN’S TIME

We Are a Rainbow

by David Kai

Suzanne Roudebush

OFFERING OURLVES

RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON | PSALM 82

This is the Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON | LUKE 16:19-31

This is the Gospel of our Lord. Glory to God. Amen.

SERMON

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RESPONSE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Following each petition:

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer

THE LORD’S PRAYER | UMH 895

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DOXOLOGY

UMH 94 | Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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!
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SENDING FORTH

CLOSING HYMN

Jesus You Have Truly Called Us from Songs for the Holy Other

Blessing of Pastoral Interns

Duke Divinity School Pastoral Interns:
Mac Albergotti, Angie Hong, Emma Rankin

Benediction

Chimes of the Trinity

Postlude

Litanies

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