GATHERING

Welcome Garrett Rocha

Welcome Statement Curt Bradley

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 Bethany Bells

Deep River

arr. Lloyd Larson

Call to Worship Rev. Heather Rodrigues

Let us not be deceived! To cast our lot with love is a serious thing.

Though some have called love weak, such is a shallow understanding.

Love is power.

Love is solidarity.

Love is hope, defiant and emerging.

Love is a source of freedom from what deadens and destroys.

Through love, we are born again.

Through love, our spirits are nourished and our communities come alive.

With courage, we are sent to practice love by Jesus, who raises life from death.

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Opening Hymn Cyril Murphy

UMH (red) 428 | For the Healing of the Nations

CWM RHONDDA
PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Were you picked last, Jesus, when the kids chose teams? Were you the one sitting at the end of the bench, always overlooked by the coach? I hope so, then you know how I feel. I confess my anger. I confess my sadness. I confess my bitterness. Give me the courage, friend Jesus, to reject self-hate and choose myself, to let go of bitterness and engage self-worth and to use my power to choose the othered; alone, forgotten, and scared. 

based on “Prayers for kids” by Thom M Shuman

Moment for personal confession

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

PASSING THE PEACE

PROCLAMATION

CHILDREN’S TIME

RESPONSE SONG

I’ve Got Peace Like a River

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.

GOSPEL LESSON | JOHN 15:9-17

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON | 1 JOHN 5:1-6

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

SERMON

The Work of the People

Laurel Meierdiercks

Garrett Rocha
RESPONSE

Prayers of the People

*Following each petition:*

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

The Lord’s Prayer | UMH 895

Matthew Bailey

Offering Ourselves

Rick Larson

Offering Our Tithes and Gifts

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Doxology

UMH 94 | Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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Matthew Bailey

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

UMH 384 | Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

BEECHER

Benediction

Chimes of the Trinity

Postlude

Fred Mason

Fugue in E Flat Major

J.S.Bach
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