

Mission Moment & Offering

Closing Hymn: **Take My Life, and Let It Be** (UMH 399)

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King.
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.
Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

Announcements

Benediction

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- **Communion for July will be served on July 18th**
- **Vacation Bible School 2021:** July 26-29/ 9AM to 11:30 AM.
Wilderness Escape: Where God Guides and Provides. Kids Kindergarten to 6th Grade, enjoy singing, crafts (Tie Dye) & Games. Daily snacks will be provided, and your family is welcome to join in for a Thursday, July 29th BBQ. Pre-registration appreciated but not required---Therefore, BRING A FRIEND!
- **DON'T MISS the Summer Concert Series** ~ July 9~A Grand Night for Singing (outdoors), and August 13~ The Joys of Chamber Music with a special performance from UM Music School Faculty (Indoors). from 7PM to 8PM. At Stevensville United Methodist Church.

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Stevensville United Methodist Church

June 27, 2021~10:30 AM

6th week of Pentecost



Pastor Sarah Merchant

**Company: "Being Alive"
Through Fidelity of Prayer and Action**

Praise Music & Gathering Prayer

Prelude

Welcome to All Who Worship

Call to Worship ~ written by Ann Siddall

Leader: Reconciling Christ, bless our efforts to bring about reconciliation. Give us the strength to persevere without counting the hurts, and to find within ourselves the capacity to keep on loving.

People: Give us the grace to be able to stand in the middle of situations, and to be a conduit for the deep listening which can lead to healing and forgiveness.

Leader: Help us to conduct ourselves with dignity, giving and expecting respect, moving from prayer to action, and from action back again into prayer.

People: Grant that we may be so grounded in your love, that our security is not threatened if we change our minds, or begin to see a better way to act.

Leader: Bless those who are called to reconcile on a large-scale – politicians, world leaders, leaders of business, and those who stand in the midst of bitter conflict.

All: Reconciling Christ, bless us and bless all who engage in the sacred work of envisioning new wholeness, and bringing people and nations together. Amen.

Gathering Hymn: (W&S 3016 & v2 & 3 from FWS 2021) What a Mighty God We Serve

What a mighty God we serve. What a mighty God we serve.
Angels bow before you, heaven and earth adore you.
What a mighty God we serve
Let us sing and praise the Lord. Let us sing and praise the Lord.
Angels bow before you, heaven and earth adore you.
What a mighty God we serve

Let us shout and praise God's name. Let us shout and praise God's name.

Angels bow before you, heaven and earth adore you.
What a mighty God we serve

Children's Message

Prayers of the Heart, Lord's Prayer

Centering Hymn: Sweet Hour of Prayer (UMH 496)

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! That calls me from a world of care, and bids me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known.

In season of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief, and oft escaped the tempter's snare by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! The joys I feel, the bliss I share of those whose anxious spirits burn with strong desires for thy return!

With such I hasten to the place where God my Savior shows his face, and gladly take my station there, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! Thy wings shall my petition bear to him whose truth and faithfulness engage the waiting soul to bless.

And since he bids me seek his face, believe his word, and trust his grace, I'll cast on him my every care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

Scripture Lesson: Ephesians 6:18, Matthew 14:22-36, Luke 8:22-25

Message: Company: "Being Alive" through Fidelity of Prayer and Action

Special Music: "Being Alive"

from *Company* by *Stephen Sondheim* ~ Mac Merchant, vocals & piano

Someone to hold you too close
Someone to hurt you too deep
Someone to sit in your chair
And ruin your sleep

Someone to need you too much
Someone to know you too well
Someone to pull you up short
To put you through hell

Someone you have to let in
Someone whose feelings you spare
Someone who, like it or not
Will want you to share
A little a lot

Someone to crowd you with love
Someone to force you to care
Someone to make you come through
Who'll always be there
As frightened as you
Of being alive
Being alive

Somebody hold me too close
Somebody hurt me too deep
Somebody sit in my chair
And ruin my sleep
And make me aware
Of being alive
Being alive

Somebody need me too much
Somebody know me too well
Somebody pull me up short
And put me through hell

And give me support
For being alive
Make me alive, make me alive
Make me confused
Mock me with praise
Let me be used
Vary my days
But alone
Is alone
Not alive

Somebody crowd me with love
Somebody force me to care
Somebody let come through
I'll always be there
As frightened as you
To help us survive
Being alive

Thomas Merton Prayer

"My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. **But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you.** And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it. Therefore will I trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone."