

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

(Those desiring to join the church through profession of faith or transfer of membership are invited to text “join” to the pastor, 832-773-4901)

***HYMN OF INVITATION** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* *UMH 89*

POSTLUDE *Crown Him With Many Crowns* *Elvey*
Ray Rhoads

***SENDING FORTH** Pastor Kristi Garner

BENEDICTION *Up From the Grave He Arose* *UMH 322*
(Refrain)

** Please silence all electronics

* Please stand if you are able

Weekly Prayer

We gather here on this morning to hear the words of Jesus calling us; to sing the songs that touch our hearts; and to pray deeply and longingly for God’s presence. These things are given to us as a gift. We hear the Gospel message of Jesus’ love and healing touch, and we would like to linger on the lakeshore where so many were healed, thinking about all that happened, but Jesus bids us go on from here to places unknown to us. We are called to be Jesus’ witnesses to God’s healing presence in all our lives. No walls, no moats, no fences, no chasms can block the movement of the love of God through Christ. We cannot stand by, powerlessly, dreaming about what we might do; rather, we are called to forge ahead. In our hearts today and with our voices, we have shared our concerns for family, friends, neighbors, and people in need who are encountering disaster, fear, and oppression. Send us, Lord, to love boldly wherever we go; to serve your world joyfully wherever there is need and to lead courageously with you, ushering in your kingdom. God, we ask your blessing on us, as we emerge from this time into lives of service, as Jesus would have us do, and we offer this prayer in his name. Amen.

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