

***Unison Prayer**

Faithful God, we come before You carrying stories of survival, memories of loss, and testimonies of grace. We thank You that even when life has pressed us, You have not let us be crushed. Even when we felt confused or worn down, You renewed our strength day by day. Meet us in our honesty. Hold us in Your mercy. Restore our hope. As we worship, remind us that we are not broken. We are being sustained by Your faithful love. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Reading Psalm 66:8-12

New Testament Reading II Corinthians 4:8-9, 16-18

Hymn *Lift Every Voice and Sing* UMH 519

Responsive Prayer

Leader: When life has tested us like silver in the fire,

People: God has held us together.

Leader: When grief has weighed heavy on our hearts,

People: God has renewed our strength.

Leader: When we have been knocked down but not destroyed,

People: God has lifted us again.

Leader: When joy felt distant and hope felt fragile,

People: God reminded us that we are not alone.

Leader: Even now, even here,

All: We trust the God who keeps us unbroken. Amen.

Choral Anthem *Sweet, Sweet Spirit* arr. Keith Christopher

***Offering Invitation**

***Doxology** UMH 94

***Prayer for the Offering**

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Hymn *I Need Thee Every Hour* UMH 397

Sermon Series **Unbothered, Unbroken, and Unashamed:
Joy in the Face of it All**

Week Two: "Joy That Survives the Crushing"
Pastor Tennille Power

***Closing Hymn** *They'll Know We Are Christians* TFWS 2223

***Benediction/Recessional**

Postlude *When the Saints Go Marching In* arr. A. Clark

(You are invited to be seated for the Postlude before exiting the Sanctuary.)

**Please stand if you are able.*

