

Dwight United Methodist Church
Dwight, Illinois



Welcome/Announcements

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God is good. **All the time**. All the Time. **God is good**.

Prelude - Prepare Your Heart for Worship "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Ellie Bossert

Call to Worship

God's love for us and our world is so great, God sent Christ as a blessing to us all. **Everyone who believes in Christ will never perish but will have eternal life.**God is rich in mercy, God's great love brings us life through Christ.

The steadfast love of the Lord endures forever. Thanks and praise be to our God!

Worship in Song *Hymn #327 (all verses) "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Verse One: Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne. Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own. Awake, my soul and sing of him who died for thee, and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity. Verse Two: Crown him Lord of Life, who triumped o'er the grave, and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save. His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high, who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die. Verse Three: Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways from pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise. His reign shall know no end, and round his pierced feet fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet. Verse Four: Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side, those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified. All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me; thy praise and glory shall not fail through-out eternity.

Opening Prayer

We pause in the midst of our busyness to do what truly matters: worship and praise Your Holy name, O Lord God Almighty! We praise You for things we can see, for the beauty of creation, for our homes and families, for our very lives. And we praise You for that which we cannot see; the gift of faith, the promise of the resurrection into eternal life, the truth of forgiveness and reconciliation, the power of love. Renew our faith that we might live in good relationship with You through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Time with the Children

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*Hymn #170 (all verses)
"O How I Love Jesus"

Verse One: There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth; it sounds like music in my ear, the sweetest name on earth.

Refrain: O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!

Verse Two: It tells me of a Savior's love who died to set me free; it tells me of his precious blood, the sinner's perfect plea (Repeat Refrain) Verse Three: It tells of one whose loving heart can feel my deepest woe; who in each sorrow bears a part that none can bear below. (Repeat Refrain)

Celebration Through Offering
"Folk Song"
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*Doxology Offertory Prayer

The Word of God 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17

⁶ So we are always confident, even though we know that as long as we live in these bodies we are not at home with the Lord. ⁷ For we live by believing and not by seeing. ⁸ Yes, we are fully confident, and we would rather be away from these earthly bodies, for then we will be at home with the Lord. ⁹ So whether we are here in this body or away from this body, our goal is to please him. ¹⁰ For we must all stand before Christ to be judged. We will each receive whatever we deserve for the good or evil we have done in this earthly body.

This is the Word of God for the People of God. Thanks be to our great God!

Message

"Home Team/Away Team" Charolette Hoffmann, Evenglow

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Worship in Song *Hymn #419 (all verses) "I Am Thine, O Lord"

Verse One: I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice, and it told thy love to me; but I long to rise in the arms of faith and be closer drawn to thee. (Refrain) Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died. Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to thy precious, bleeding side. Verse Two: Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord, by the power of grace divine; let my soul look up with a steadfast hope, and my will be lost in thine. (Repeat Refrain) Verse Three: O the pure delight of a single hour that before thy throne I spend, when I kneel in prayer, and with thee, my God, I commune as friend with friend! (Repeat Refrain) Verse Four: There are depths of love that I cannot know till I cross the narrow sea; there are heights of joy that I may not reach till I rest in peace with thee. (Repeat Refrain)

*Benediction

*Postlude
"A Song of Rejoicing"

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Thank you for your continued witness and support of Christ's work around our world beginning with our local church. Do not forget to do good and to share with others, for such sacrifices are pleasing to our great God. (Hebrews 13:16) You may place your offerings in plate as it is being passed, in the Offering containers at the back of the church, give your offering online or mail your gifts directly to the Church at 701 S. Columbia St., Dwight IL 60420.

