

**Joint Worship Service, July 2, 2023
Cedar Rapids Metro UMC Circuit
Coe College, Sinclair Auditorium**

*- Indicates rising in Body or Spirit.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE Mark Baumann

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Scott Meador

BIDDING FOR GOD'S SPIRIT Mark Baumann

*CALL TO WORSHIP Jonathan Heifner

L: Welcome to each and every one of you! We gather as United Methodist churches during this meaningful holiday weekend!

P: It is so good to come together in Christian love.

L: May the joy we have in Jesus Christ become your joy also.

P: We have found a welcoming presence in this place of worship.

L: Thanks be to God who has welcomed each one of us!

P: Let us extend that same loving welcome to others. Today and always! Amen.

(Based on a prayer from Nancy C. Townley)

*HYMN OF PRAISE "And Are We Yet Alive" (Words are printed in the insert)

GREETING & OPENING PRAYER Bishop Kennetha Bigham-Tsai

CHILDREN'S TIME Tyler Walker

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 22:1-14 Kristina Roth-Klinck

EPISTLE READING Romans 6:12-23 Ryan Roth-Klinck

ANTHEM "Standing on the Promises" (R. Kelso Carter, arr. Mark Hayes)
Combined Choir

*GOSPEL READING Matthew 10:40-42 Carol Mart
A Word of God that is still speaking,
Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Coming Together" Scott Meador

SHARING OF OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Jonathan Heifner

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY (Recipient is Matthew 25)

DOXOLOGY "My Tribute"

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Bishop Kennetha/Chuck Layton

DEPART TO SERVE

*CLOSING HYMN "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

*TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST TO THE WORLD

*BENEDICTION

Daniel Niyonzima

*POSTLUDE

Mark Baumann