

SPARTA
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

October 27, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Prelude *I Lift My Eyes Up with How Firm a Foundation*
Arranged by Carol Tornquist
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Words of Welcome

*Call to Worship

Gather around, you are welcome here, and you will hear Good News.

In a world where there are so many discouraging and negative voices, we gather to worship the God of encouragement.

Gather around, you are welcome here to worship the God of Jesus Christ

The God of hope, of love, and of peace.

So come, relax, let your tiredness roll away. Lift up your hearts and minds, and listen for the voice of God as we worship together

*Opening Song *My Life is in You Lord* FWS 2032

Congregational Prayer

O God, you call us, your people, to prayer and praise in many ways. Bring us together just as you called the people of Israel to gather manna in the desert to eat and sustain life. O God of unity, give us this day our daily bread. You offer all we need to remain connected to you in spirit. We desire to receive the food that endures: faith, hope and love. O God of grace, give us this day our daily bread. All life is created and nourished by you! May we grow into new circles of understanding and being, reflecting the ways in which we have been touched by your holy manna. Holy Spirit, come! We pray in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray:

The Lord's Prayer Ian Good

Anthem *O Come, Let Us Sing!* by Earlene Rentz
Lorenz Publishing Co. © 2006

A Time for Young Disciples

Song of Preparation *It is Well with my Soul* UMH 377
Verse 1

Scripture Reading *Philippians 4:10-13*
I rejoice in the Lord greatly that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned for me but had no opportunity to show it. ¹¹ Not that I am referring to being in need, for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. ¹² I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. ¹³ I can do all things through [Christ] who strengthens me.

The Message Contentment

This Week in the Life of the Church

The Offering of our Gifts and Our Prayers

*Closing Hymn *Since Jesus Came Into My Heart* FWS 2140
Verses 1, 2, and 3

*Sending Forth

Postlude *Toccatà in D Minor* by Johann Sebastian Bach
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***Stand if able**

WELCOME TO ALL

Who hope for a better world
& all who have lost hope:

Believers and seekers
Conventional Christians & questioning skeptics

Women, men, youth and children

Of all sexual orientations & gender identities

Of all races and cultures,

Of all income levels

Of all social classes

Of all physical & mental abilities.

COME AS YOU ARE . . .

YOU ARE WELCOME!

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My Life is in You Lord, Words & Music: Daniel Gardner

It is Well with my Soul, Words: Horatio G. Spafford, 1873; Music: Philip P. Bliss, 1876

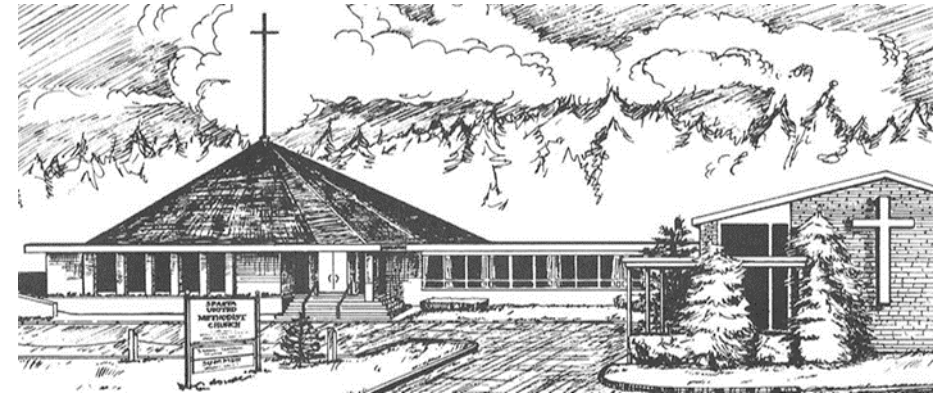
Since Jesus Came Into My Heart, Words: R.H. McDaniel; Music: Charles H. Gabriel

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Sparta, New Jersey 07871

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Not Just a Tagline: This IS who we are