

August 14, 2011

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: When hatred and division separate us, O Lord,

P: your love binds us together.

L: When past quarrels estrange us from one another,

P: your love binds us together.

L: When we feel excluded and left out,

P: your love binds us together.

L: When we are gathered in one place,

P: your love binds us together.

L: When we are spread far apart,

P: your love binds us together.

L: Bind us together, O Lord,

P: Bind us together. Amen

*HYMN *"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"* UMH No. 66

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Far too often, O God, we desire to look wise in the eyes of the world. We have not spoken truth with our hearts. We have said and done hurtful things to our friends. We have forgotten our true identity, wandering into ways that are not yours. We have lost the path of true worship, focusing on form and words rather than deeds. We have forgotten what true discipleship is. Forgive us and help become the people you have created and called us to be: people of justice and love and truth and humility, and yes, even foolishness. May we be fools for Christ, embracing our true identity as children of God even in the face of the world's scorn and derision. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the Good news, God's love embraces us even when we fall short of what God desires. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

**MISSION MOMENT

Kenda Dean

JOYS AND CONCERNS

HYMN OF REFLECTION

"Lead Me, Lord" UMH No. 473

MORNING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING *Luke 2:39-52*

SERMON

No Worries ...

Shannon Dean

*HYMN

"Be Thou My Vision"

UMH No. 451

A BLESSING OF A NEW BEGINNING FOR **SHANNON DEAN**

... is to be here for you through both.

Shannon, we feel sorrow in your leaving, yet we rejoice with you in anticipation of this new phase of your life. We will miss seeing you weekly, but recognize that you will be feeding more sheep wherever you are. We will celebrate the moments when you are with us and will pray for you as you become an ambassador of this congregation at Ohio Wesleyan University.

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

OFFERTORY *Please put your name on offering envelope.*

GIVING OF GIFTS, TITHES, OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host,

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

God of light and love, shine through these offerings, that our love may radiate throughout the world. Make bright the hope of justice and mercy in places of darkness and fear. Guide our paths, that we may always be lights of compassion and care for a world in need. Amen.

***HYMN** *“Blest be the Tie That Binds”* UMH No. 557

***CIRCLE OF LOVE** o *“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”* No. 664 v. 1

***LORD’S PRAYER *BENEDICTION *POSTLUDE**

***Those who are able, please stand.**