



Dr. William Cato, Pastor

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Welcome and Greeting

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Opening Prayer

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

UMH 140

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not,
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be. *Refrain*

Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

Affirmation of Faith

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. And will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Scripture**Isaiah 62**

For Zion's sake I will not hold My peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a lamp that burns. The Gentiles shall see your righteousness, and all kings your glory. You shall be called by a new name, which the mouth of the Lord will name. You shall also be a crown of glory in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no longer be termed Forsaken, nor shall your land any more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a virgin, so shall your sons marry you; and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you. I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; they shall never hold their peace day or night. You who make mention of the Lord, do not keep silent, and give Him no rest till He establishes and till He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth. The Lord has sworn by His right hand and by the arm of His strength: "Surely I will no longer give your grain as food for your enemies; and the sons of the foreigner shall not drink your new wine, for which you have labored. But those who have gathered it shall eat it, and praise the Lord; those who have brought it together shall drink it in My holy courts." Go through, go through the gates! Prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway! Take out the stones, lift up a banner for the peoples! Indeed the Lord has proclaimed to the end of the world: "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Surely your salvation is coming; behold, His reward is with Him, and His work before Him.'" And they shall call them The Holy People, the Redeemed of the Lord; and you shall be called Sought Out, a City Not Forsaken.

Hymn***Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*****UMH 514**

1. Stand up, stand up for Jesus, ye soldiers of the cross; lift high his royal banner, it must not suffer loss.
From victory unto victory his army shall he lead, till every foe is vanquished, and Christ is Lord indeed.
2. Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the trumpet call obey; forth to the mighty conflict, in this his glorious day.
Ye that are brave now serve him against unnumbered foes; let courage rise with danger, and strength to strength oppose.
3. Stand up, stand up for Jesus, stand in his strength alone; the arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the gospel armor, each piece put on with prayer; where duty calls or danger, be never wanting there.

Sermon**"Population We: Learning to Love the Place We Live"
Part 3: Praying for Our City**

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Prayer of Response to the Word

God of all people, we lift up our city of Marion before you now. Create our community anew as a place where hope abounds. Raise up our church as a transformative influence in our region. Bless our neighbors, both young and old. Guide our city leadership in wisdom. Guard our police officers, fire fighters, and all those who work for the common good. Cause our schools, families, and businesses to prosper with abundant life and resources. May your love be made manifest among us and through us, making our community whole. Let your kingdom come, let your will be done, in Marion as it is in heaven. Amen.

Hymn***Victory in Jesus*****UMH 370**

1. I heard an old, old story, how a Savior came from glory, how he gave his life on Calvary to save a wretch like me;
I heard about his groaning, of his precious bloods atoning,
then I repented of my sins and won the victory. *Refrain*
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O victory in Jesus, my Savior forever! He sought me and brought me with his redeeming blood;
he loved me ere I knew him, and all my love is due him; he plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood.
2. I heard about his healing, of his cleansing power revealing,
how he made the lame to walk again and caused the blind to see; and then I cried,
"Dear Jesus, come and heal my broken spirit," and somehow Jesus came and brought to me the victory. *Refrain*

Benediction**Prayer Concerns:**

Bill Barnett; Harold Carpenter; Scott Carpenter; Marty Catt; Patsy Catt; Terri Catt; Mason Fowler; Doug Helton; Wayne Marconi; Kathryn Perkins; James Sample; Mart Thaxton; Billie Williams; Jane Williamson; Tim Williamson; All Hospital Personnel, First Responders, Nursing Home Residents & Staff; Teachers, staff, faculty, and students; COVID19 pandemic