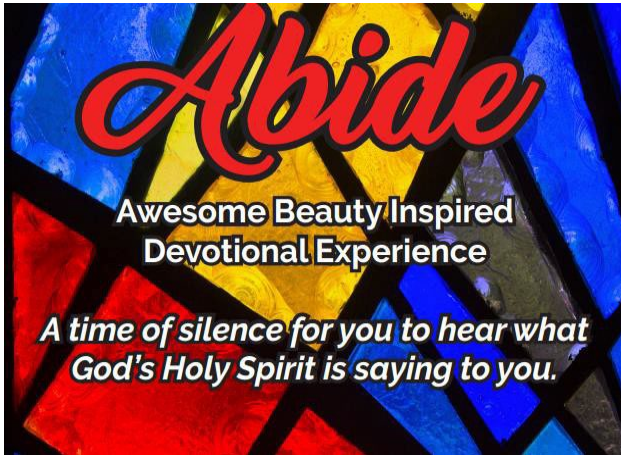


Welcome to



Please maintain silence to enhance the experience for yourself and others. This is a come and go hour reserved for all who wish to participate.

Holy Communion

This is the table of the Lord. All are welcome to take communion whenever they wish. Please go to the altar rail and kneel to pray as you are able. After your prayer, please go to the altar table and the servers will offer you the bread for you to dip into the chalice. If you are NOT comfortable with the elements, you may use a packet. See the inside of this page for suggested prayer of confession you may use.



Holy Communion

Please approach and kneel as you are able at the altar rail and do a personal prayer of confession.

Here is a suggested prayer you may use.

Dear God, thank you for all that is good,
For our creation and our humanity,
for the gifts of life and of one another,
for your love which is unbounded and eternal.

O thou, most holy and beloved,
My Companion, my Guide upon the way,
my bright evening star,
I repent the wrongs I have done.

Pause to reflect on your personal wrongs.

Merciful God,
I confess that I have not loved You with my
whole heart.
I have failed to be obedient.
I have not done Your will.
I have broken Your law.
I have rebelled against Your Love.
I have not loved my neighbors,
And I have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive me. Free me for joyful obedience,
Through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

Approach the servers whenever you are ready
to receive the elements of Holy Communion.

*The following prayer may be used after you
have received Holy Communion.*

Eternal God, we give You thanks for this holy
mystery in which You have given Yourself to us.

Grant that we may go into the world in the
strength of Your Spirit, to give ourselves for
others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Thoughts for Reflection

Kneeling is a sign of humility.

When have you kneeled at this altar rail or
other places?

What was the purpose of your kneeling?

The day may come when you will no longer be
able to kneel on your knees and rise back up to
your feet. Treasure this ability.

Reflect on the lyrics below:

Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord
(The Faith We Sing #2131)

Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord,
And He shall lift you up,
Higher and higher,
And He shall lift you up.

Welcome to ABIDE,
Our Theme for this month is

Give Thanks

(The Faith We Sing - #2036)

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ, His Son.

And now let the weak say,
"I am strong;"
Let the poor say,
"I am rich because of what the Lord
has done for us."

As you begin your time of silence and
reflection, please give thanks for this place.
Give thanks for the talents, gifts, and time that
so many have given to God to make the beauty
of this place possible.

Consecrated – September 2003

Bishop Ben Chamness
Senior Pastor David W. Adkins
Building Committee:
Sabrina Butler-Chair, Jim Mills, Steve Oltmanns,
Becky Harris, Scott Reid, Richard Thompson,
Dick Lee and Leo Maguire
Spencer/Godfrey Architects
Brath, Inc. General Contractor

The donors for each window will be with the
photo and meditation for the window. As you
move around the Sanctuary, please note the
dedication for each pew, hymnal and Bible.

Prayer at the Kneeling Rail

When we departed the sanctuary located at
110 South Brown Street in 1984, we did not have a
kneeling rail until this sanctuary was consecrated in
2003. We rarely have a time to come and kneel to
pray here. This is one of the important elements we
have incorporated into this service.

Reflect on:

UMH #328 – Surely the Presence of the Lord
UMH #332 – Spirit of Faith, Come Down
UMH #347 – Spirit Song
UMH #479 – Jesus, Lover of My Soul
UMH #496 – Sweet Hour of Prayer

Listen to the Silence

UMH #626 – Let all mortal flesh keep silence

(Most quotes below are in the first person of God.)
Linger in My Presence a while. Your time being still
in My Presence equips you for the time to come.
Relax with me while I equip you for action.

Become increasingly aware of My Presence to
discern the way you should go. Concentrate on
staying in communication with Me. I will lead you
on fresh trails of adventures. Follow My guiding
Presence.

I live in you. I move into humble homes and work
on renovating them from the inside out. Ponder My
living in you...let your heart overflow with Joy. Yield
to My renewal within you.

God speaks in silence, emotion, thought, longing,
praise, lament, joy, and gratitude. Lord, enrich our
ears as we listen for your Word for us this day.

Take time to be still in My Presence...this sacred
space of communion. Breathe, relax, receive My
Peace. My Peace is an inner treasure, growing
within you as you trust in Me. Be still, enjoying My
Peace in My Presence.

I could never find God's Presence...until I slowed
down and looked.

I invite you into the mysterious depths of My Being.
Intimacy gives you strength.



Front Main Cross

The Cross is the symbol most associated with Jesus Christ, our Savior. His sacrifice was the final one made for the forgiveness of all of our sins. Take in the light.

Scriptures

Numbers 6: 22-27

John 18:28-38

Meaningful Lyrics of Hymns:

UMH #700 – Abide with Me

UMH #291 – He Never Said a Mumbalin’ Word

UMH #294 – Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

UMH #295 – In the Cross of Christ I Glory

UMH #301 – Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

Thoughts for Reflection

*(The following are quotations from **Jesus Living** by Sarah Young. Her writings are written in the first person as Jesus speaking directly to the reader.)*

Live close to Me. My radiance is all around you and also within you.

Devote yourself to thanking and praising Me; these delightful disciplines glorify Me and fill you with gladness.

Invite Me into your thoughts by whispering My Name. When you whisper My Name, I respond not only to your neediness but also to your love.

Rejoice in my glorious gift of salvation.

Speak, O Lord

By Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your Holy Word;
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the Light of Christ may be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for
Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes so see Your
majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail,
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truth unchanged from the dawn of time that will
echo down through eternity.
And by grace we’ll stand on Your promises,
And by faith we’ll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, ‘til Your church is built and the earth
is filled with Your glory.

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the truth of Your Holy Word.



The Triquetra

Right Round Window

This symbol represents the equality of the Holy Trinity – the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The interweaving and continuously flowing lines depict unity and eternity.

This window is best observed from the front pews on the left side of the sanctuary.

Scriptures

John 1:1-18

John 16:4-15

Thoughts for Reflection

UMH #880-885 - Affirmations of Faith

Read through each of the Affirmations of Faith.

Note how most of them are structured in the Trinity – the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

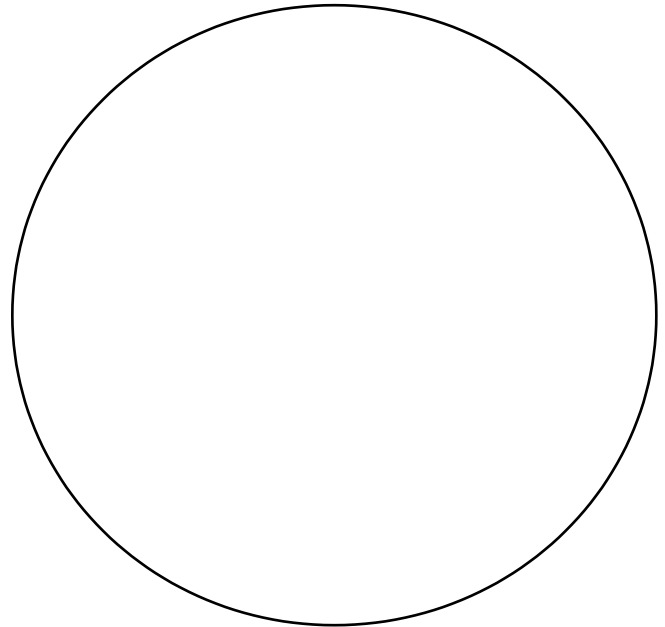
Which affirmation speaks to you most deeply about each part of the Trinity:

God, the Father

Jesus Christ, the Son

The Holy Spirit?

Drawing Meditation



Draw the lines of the Triquetra in the circle above. Note that it is composed of three interwoven archs – one for each member of the Trinity.

NOTES FROM YOUR REFLECTIONS:

Reflections from the Hymnal

UMH #335 – An Invitation to the Holy Spirit
UMH #334 – Sweet, Sweet Spirit
Gaze on the window before and after reading
each of these readings.



Descending Dove

This symbol represents the Holy Spirit as Jesus experienced it at His baptism, and God's anointing and abiding Presence in your life.

Window is best observed from the front pews on the right side of the sanctuary.

Scriptures

Matthew 3:13-17

Mark 1:9-11

Luke 3:21-22

John 1:29-34

Acts 2:1-4

Thoughts for Reflection

UMH #253 - Baptism of the Lord

UMH #332 – Spirit of Faith, Come Down

Your Picture of the Spirit

Acts 2:1-4

(From The Spiritual Formation Bible -NRSV)
How do you picture the Holy Spirit? In the Acts passage, the Spirit is likened to a violent wind and tongues of fire. In the gospel passages, the Spirit is compared to a descending dove. Try praising God with your hands as you draw your own image of the Spirit.

When you are ready, let this experience serve as the foundation for a prayer reflection.



Celtic Cross

With Flame and Cross in background
This window was given in loving memory of

Ms. Jane Nugent

By both her family and friends.

This window combines one of the most ancient crosses and alludes to the United Methodist Church Cross and Flame.

Jane Nugent was a teacher in Round Rock public schools for many years. She was also the teacher of our Ladies' Sunday School Class which met in the kitchen of Payne Cottage for many years.

Scriptures

Psalm 25:4-5

Mark 12

John 13:12-17

Ephesians 4:11-13

James 3:1

Thoughts for Reflection

Teachers in Your Life

We have all had many teachers in our lives.
Which one of your school teachers has had the longest term influence in your life?
Which of your church-related teachers taught you the most?

Ways of Learning

How do you learn the best?

Reading

Writing

Visual

Listening

Experience

In a Group Setting or Individually

Teaching and Leading

If you have teaching or leadership experience, what style do you enjoy the most?

Group Discussion/Sharing

Lecture

Sharing Stories, Videos, Music or Art

Teaching Hands-on

Leading by Example

Learning Environments

Of all the places and ways you have experienced learning, where do you think you learned the most?

Sunday School

Worship Services

Music

Nature

Spiritual Life Settings

Quiet Time Alone

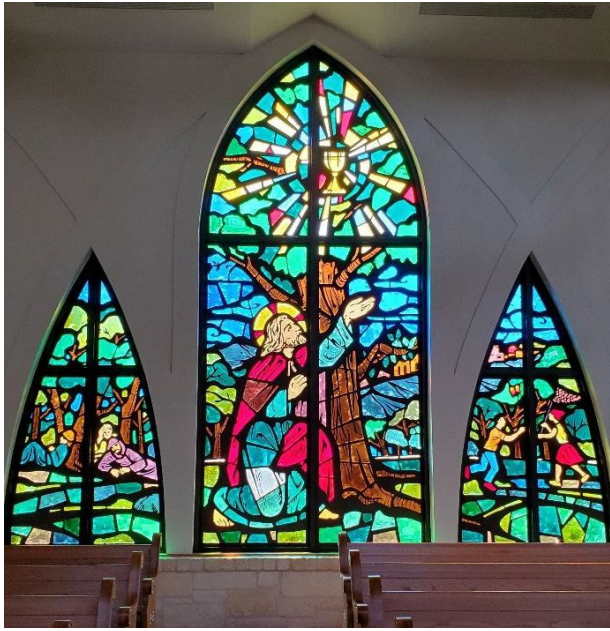
Service – Mission Trips, etc.

Fellowship

One-on-One Mentorship

Discipline

Are you able to maintain a daily discipline to study God's Word individually?



Jesus in the Garden

This window was given
In Memory of

Mary Theresa Franklin
James Monroe Franklin
Helen Marsh Tidman
John Merton Tidman

(Parents of Ada and Dave Tidman)

Scriptures

Matt. 26:31-46

Thoughts for Reflection

The left window depicts Peter, James and John sleeping. The panel above Jesus praying depicts the cup included in His prayer. The right windows is a mixture of then and now – the Biblical village in the background and children in our time chasing a butterfly – a symbol of resurrection.

Many times in the gospels, Jesus goes away alone to pray. In the Garden of Gethsemane, He goes away, but asks Peter, James and John to go with Him. He prays and returns to find them sleeping three times. His prayers are to His Father asking Him to let the cup pass from Him if that is the will of the Father. Jesus knows what He is being asked to do, but He hopes that it can possibly be changed.

However, He is willing to be obedient and do His Father's will. Jesus' prayer is absolute surrender. He knows what He is about to face. Spend some time meditating on what we know He is going to face – betrayal, violence, and death.

Sometimes our will can come into conflict with God's will. Is there a "little" surrender you can offer to God to help build up your maturity in preparation for those times when greater conflicts arise? One beginning might be simply to contemplate Jesus' prayer for a while, slowly repeating, "Not what I want, but what You want."

Hymn Lyrics

UMH #354 – I Surrender All

If you were to go to pray during a difficult time of decision-making, who would you ask to go with you, to stay awake with you, and to pray in support of your decision. Who are the members of your inner circle of love and support.



Flaming Cross or Cross and Flame

This cross is the official logo of the United Methodist Church.

It was adopted shortly after the merger of The Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church in 1968. It relates God through Christ in the cross and the Holy Spirit through the flames. The two tongues represent the union of the two denominations.

This window was given to honor:

Miles Villarreal Martinez

Jan. 19, 2006

Andrew William Anderson

June 27, 2001

Love, Tia Gigi

Scriptures

2 Cor. 5:16-21

Col. 2:2-3

Thoughts for Reflection

The 2 Corinthians passage gives us the responsibility of the ministry of reconciliation. How can we continue to accept God's gift of reconciliation for ourselves? We must also offer the gift of reconciliation to others. Whom do you have the need to offer reconciliation to?

How can we come to see them as a "new creation? How can we let "everything old" pass away and see everything has become "new"?

In the Col. 2 passage, we are called to have our hearts "united in love" so we can have "the knowledge of God's mystery, that is, Christ Himself, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."

To worship Christ well, our hearts must be united in love – woven into a beautiful Love-tapestry. As we worship, thus united, we can enjoy Christ's majestic Presence together in ways that transcend our individual experiences. This enables us to venture further and further into Christ's vast hidden treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Hymn Lyrics

UMH #560 – Help Us Accept Each Other

UMH #383 – This Is a Day of New Beginnings

Thoughts for Reflection

While reading the Genesis passage, pause after each day's creation elements and find them in the windows. Our Creator has established a beautiful world and asked us to be good stewards of it. How can we be better at caring for this beautiful gift?

In Psalm 8, the writer asks what are we human beings that you are mindful of us...care for us?

Do you think we are being mindful of our Creator in our care of His universe? Write down five actions you can take to be a better steward of our world.

In the prologue to John, he begins with the role of the Word in the creation and that it has now been made flesh to dwell among us. As you look at the details of these windows and walk about the room, listen for a word or phrase that catches your attention – shimmers in your heart. Give it the center of your consciousness and let it speak.



Narthex Doors

These windows are a portion of the windows that were originally in the sanctuary at 110 Brown Street.

They depict the six days of the Creation. Not all of the windows survived the twenty years of storage. They were installed in these doors to represent the transition from our past to our future.

Scriptures

Gen. 1:1-2:3

Ps. 8 John 1:1-18



Sunset Window

Given in memory of
Elizabeth "Liz" Parker
By Judd Parker and loving family

Best viewed from the choir loft or the balcony.

Scriptures

Mal. 4:2

Thoughts for Reflection

The sun in full glory symbolizes the self-revealing God.

I am the Sun of Righteousness, gloriously brilliant and worthy of all adoration. There is healing in My wings and My beams of Glory-Light. Abide with Me while My healing Presence shines brightly upon and within you. Open your soul. Let My living Light energize you...go out from this waiting time...leaping for Joy! Revere My Name.

How easily can you see the sun rise or set from your home? Do you have to go out of doors to see it? Do you have to get in the car and drive down the street?

Think of the rays of the sun as white or golden birds that bring healing to your mind, body and spirit. How would these wings enfold and touch you with warmth and healing?

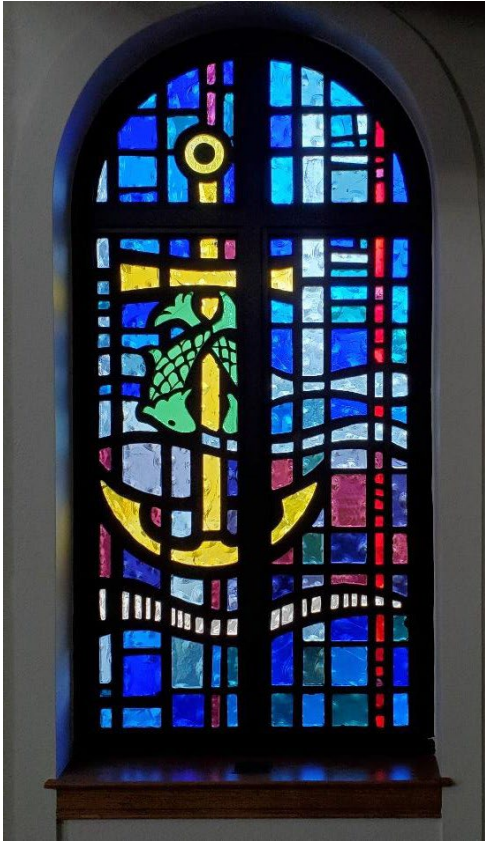
Imagine these birds flying out over your neighborhood and community. Where would they bring healing and salvation?

Next see the birds winging their way over the country and around the world. Where would you ask God to send healing and renewal? Where is the Sun of Righteousness needed? Draw a picture of your bird healing or write a prayer of thanksgiving.

Prayer to Reflect Upon

UMH #329 – Prayer to the Holy Spirit
Traditional Native American prayer

Read this prayer and pause after each section and look at the window. Use all of your senses to feel, see, hear, and imagine how each phrase is depicted in the window.



The Hope Window

...hope is an anchor for the soul
both sure and steadfast. – Heb. 6:19
Dedicated to Christ by the Ridgleys

The anchor is often associated with hope in the images found in the catacombs. The first four disciples called by Jesus were fishermen. Two fish symbolize Jesus Christ and the believers whose lives were meant to imitate Jesus Christ. A simpler image of the fish with the letters ICHTHUS symbolizes Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior.

Scriptures

Matthew 4:18-22
Hebrews 11:1-2

Thoughts for Reflection

Hymn Lyrics:

The Faith We Sing #2149 – Living for Jesus
Jesus called His disciples from their daily work
as fishermen. He told them they would be
fishing for people. Their lives were changed
forever.

Dynamic Hope

I Timothy 1:1

From The Spiritual Formation Bible (NRSV)

Paul calls Christ Jesus our “hope.” The word “hope” means something very different from “wishful thinking.” This hope connotes absolute certainty. At the top of a sheet of paper write the words “Because of Jesus.” Below it list all the “absolute certainties” you can count on because of Jesus Christ. What can you expect in this life? What certainties do you face in eternity? What is the difference between having this certain hope in a person – Jesus Christ – and having hope in a cause or someone’s agenda?

Inspired by “Perseverance”

By Devonna R. Allison
From Disciplines 2021

I Samuel 2:1-10

Hannah is dealing with disappointed hopes, but she does not give up. She keeps praying to the One she recognized could give her what she most longed for. The longer we wait for something, the sweeter it is when it finally arrives. Remember delay is not necessarily denial. It takes courage, faith, and continued hope to persevere in prayer. Samuel was the answer to Hannah’s prayers.

Reflection: We are wise to remember that prayer is not a monologue; it is a dialogue. It is a time of communion between us and God. Are we listening? Pause in your prayer time today and listen with your heart in quiet contemplation. Is what you desire God’s desire? If it is, can you find rest in God’s timing?

Hymn Lyrics

The Cokesbury Worship Hymnal
#245 – Whispering Hope (verse 3)
If you have this hymnal at home, reflect on it,
or look it up online.



The Good Shepherd

In Loving Memory of

MEREDITH HOPE SOWARDS

May 9, 1982 – December 28, 2001

Meredith was active in our youth program and was killed in a car accident when she was a freshman at the University of Texas at Austin.

Scriptures

Psalm 23

I Samuel 16:1-13

John 10:1-18

Notes on Psalm 23 by King David: As a shepherd in his youth, David had plenty of time to seek God's face and enjoy His Presence. He discovered the beauty of days lived with God always before him and beside him. David becomes a man after God's own heart.

Notes on I Samuel 16:7: Samuel is guided by the Lord in his search for the new king, learning that man looks "on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart," the core of one's being.

Reflection: Consider how God can help you look at people as the Lord sees them. Pray about a relationship with someone in which having new eyes might make all the difference.

Thoughts for Reflection

The Good Shepherd

Look at the five sheep depicted in the window. Which one do you identify most closely with – the one close to His feet, the one gazing into his face? Why? Note the wolves in the background in front of the mountains. What are the dangers that being near to Jesus protects you from? Listen for Jesus' voice. You need to know it when you hear it.

Lyrics from Hymns

Pick one or two of these to focus on.

UMH #128 – He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought

UMH #138 – The King of Love My Shepherd Is

UMH #462 – 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

UMH #463 – Lord, Speak to Me

UMH #472 – Near to the Heart of God

UMH #473 – Lead Me, Lord

UMH #493 – Three Things We Pray

UMH #338 – Where He Leads Me V. 1

UMH #348 – Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

UMH #349 – Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

UMH #381 – Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

UMH #392 – Prayer for a New Heart

Thou who art over us,

Thou who art one of us,

Thou who art:

Give me a pure heart, that I may see thee;

a humble heart, that I may hear thee;

a heart of love, that I may serve thee;

a heart of faith, that I may abide in thee.

Amen.



The Fleury Cross or The Floriated Cross

In Loving Memory of

Robert Edwin Thompson

December 12, 1914 – September 29, 2003

Evelyn Artimissi Poimboeuf Thompson

December 30, 1908 – May 27, 1994

(Parents of Rich Thompson)

The Fleury Cross represents faith, wisdom and chivalry when used in heraldry, and the Holy Trinity when used in a Christian context. The Floriated Cross is a cross with arms terminating in representations of flower petals. The flower is typically a lily which is an Easter symbol.

*Note: Focus on **parents** for this reflection. We all have different experiences with our own parents as well as being parents to our children. Many of us in our adulthood will become caregivers for our parents. This is challenge as well as a gift.*

Scriptures

Exodus 20:1-17 – The Ten Commandments

Proverbs 31:31 – The Capable Wife

Thoughts for Reflection

The first four commandments relate to our relationship with God. Number five through ten relate to our human relationships. The fifth

commandment is a transition from God to humans. We are a gift to our parents, and they are a gift to us. Our entire lives we must honor our parents. How can we be honorable as parents? How can we care for our elderly parents in an honorable way?

The bar is set high for being a capable wife.
This is a challenge for all women.

Hymn Lyrics to Ponder

UMH #141 – Children of the Heavenly Father

UMH # - Happy the Home When God Is There

*Go now in peace.
Go now in peace,
May the love of God
surround you everywhere,
Everywhere you may go.*

UMH #665

Much love and thought has gone into this service. If you have any suggestions for changes that would make it more meaningful for you, please feel free to use one of the suggestion cards in the Narthex.

If you would like to volunteer to help with future ABIDE services, please contact:

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mschomburgretired@gmail.com

Text to: 512.632.6867

Or

Jennifer Hall

Church Staff

Upcoming ABIDE Services

(3rd Sunday of each month @3p.m.)

December 19, 2021

January 16, 2022

February 20, 2022

March 20, 2022