

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2024

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE ENTER INTO GOD'S DIVINE PRESENCE

***CALL TO WORSHIP (congregation in bold)**

Come and worship God who is in our midst today.

There is no Holy One like our God.

We raise our voices to praise the God of strength.

There is no Rock like our God.

We prepare to listen and learn with open hearts and open minds.

There is no source of knowledge like our God.

We trust that righteousness will come on the heels of God's judgment.

There is no justice like our God.

May the Son of our God lead us into faith. There is no guide like our God. Come worship God who is in our midst today.

***OPENING HYMN - "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"**

UMH 117

***UNISON OPENING PRAYER**

Holy One, there is no God like you. In praise and thanksgiving, we come before you ready to learn of your power, ready to follow your path for our lives. Through days

of jubilation as well as dejection, help us realize your influence in the world. We ask simply for ears to hear, eyes to see, and minds to comprehend the blessings you bestow. Amen.

WE CONFESS OUR SINS TO GOD

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Despite our best efforts, O God, we have not always lived as we should. Our own short-sightedness and impatience have led us to make choices based upon our immediate needs over your desires. Forgive us for our selfish ways. Many of the challenges we have faced have evoked fear in us. We have let these fears at times overwhelm our faith and trust in you. Forgive us for our lack of faith in you. We don't always recognize or acknowledge that our reticence to embrace the stranger comes from our own prejudices, O God. When we do not embrace the stranger, we lose the blessings and richness of your beloved community. Forgive us for our biases. We see injustices all around: in the papers, on television, on the web, or walking through our community. Yet we often cannot bring ourselves to speak out or take action against them. Forgive us for our silence. We know you

created this world with enough for everyone. Yet, in this land of plenty, people know deprivation. Forgive us that we have not done enough to sustain and support the sacredness of the common good. Amen.

A MOMENT FOR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (congregation in bold)

This is the good news: God gives us hope, God gives us peace, God gives us joy so we may share these gifts with everyone we meet.

Thanks be to God who has forgiven us and provoked us to love others and to serve all who are around us. Amen.

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED

CHOIR ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READING – Mark 13:1-8

SERMON – “Flip the Script”

***HYMN OF RESPONSE – “I Know Whom I Have Believed” UMH 714**

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WE RESPOND IN JOYFUL SERVICE

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory

***Doxology – “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH 95**

***Unison Prayer of Dedication**

Mighty God, Architect of the Universe; your work of creation and building is always before us! We give our gifts this day in hopes that we might be co-builders with you in the creation of your kingdom here on earth! May our gifts also reach others who are hurting, who feel disconnected from your love, that they may join us in the stonework of kingdom-building, whose mortar is the sharing of Christ’s love with the world. In Christ, our Savior and Redeemer, we pray. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

***CLOSING HYMN – “Soon and Very Soon” UMH 706**

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**