

## Order of Worship for Sunday, May 16, 2021

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 1-7 - Pastor Theresa is on vacation. Pastor Valerie Delooze will be on call for urgent pastoral needs at 814-880-2367.

June 16 - Clergy Virtual Session of Susquehanna Annual Conference

June 18-19 - Virtual Session of Susquehanna Annual Conference; Beth Brown and Randy Muthersbaugh are the charge Lay Members to AC

### CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Welcome! We are gathered here to celebrate the great promise!

**P: Our hearts are ready to receive this good news.**

L: Jesus asked all of his friends to live lives reflecting the love of God.

**P: We are numbered among these friends!**

L: Open your hearts today. Hear God's special word just for you!

**P: Lord, help us to be ready to receive your word and to live in your love.**

### OPENING PRAYER

**Gracious Lord, this morning we come to you with so many things on our hearts. Keep our hearts and our minds open to your words of healing and of hope. Give us spirits of courage for all the times ahead. We ask your blessing on all those this day who are afflicted with illness and debilitating diseases, for those who mourn, for those who feel lost and alienated from family and from friends. Be with these dear people. Help them to feel your comforting and restoring presence. Give to us also, Lord, a spirit of peace and joy that we might live your love through our attitudes and actions. In Jesus' Name we pray. AMEN.**

\*HYMN Surely the Presence of the Lord UMH 328

### BLESSING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS – DOXOLOGY

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below. Praise him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Jesus Prays for His Disciples

JOYS AND CONCERNS - (The Lord's Prayer "trespass")

SELECTED SCRIPTURE John 17:6-19, Acts 1:1-11

MESSAGE *We Aren't* the World

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

**Lord Jesus, we are here, in your church, because you have called us forth and brought us here. We give you thanks that you found a way to reach out to us in such a way that we knew that you wanted us to be part of your people. Help us to love the church as your peculiar means of salvation of the world. Give us patience with the flaws and littleness of the church. But don't make us too patient. Help us to look beyond all of the weakness and infidelity of your church, to all the ways that we can truly be your people and become a more vibrant witness to your truth. Amen.**

\*HYMN He Touched Me UMH 367

COMMISSION & BLESSING

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BIBLE STUDY: *We Are Yours*

Read John 17:6-19

What might Jesus mean by stating that his disciples "do not belong to the world" (v. 16)?

What might it mean when Jesus observes that we have been "sent into the world" (v. 18)?

How does it make you feel when Jesus asks the father to protect the disciples from the evil one (v. 15)?

How is the church "one" (v. 11)?

How is the mission of the church connected to glorifying God?

How does our church glorify God?

How does our church intentionally display God's love for the world?

CLOSING PRAYER

*Loving God, give us a renewed assurance of your steadfast love—your love that will never leave us, never forsake us, and never let us go. Your love that seeks us and draws us closer into your holiness. Grant us a holiness of heart and life that we might glorify you in all we do and say. Amen.*