

Order of Worship for Sunday, August 22, 2021

Online recorded service features Rev. Brenda Leigey, Rev. Bruce Wallace and Rev. Rick Bender
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING WORDS Whoever comes to Christ will never hunger. Whoever believes in him will never thirst. Blessed be the bread of life and the living water.

SERVICE OF THE ACOLYTE

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 67

L: O God, be gracious to us and bless us and make your face to shine upon us,

P: that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all the nations.

L: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

P: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon the earth.

L: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

P: The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

L: God has blessed us;

P: let all the ends of the earth fear God!

OPENING PRAYER

In the beauty of this place, we have come to pray, to worship, to receive healing and hope. We come from the struggles and triumphs of the week, needing to feel the soothing presence of God. Lord, be with us this day. Calm and soothe our souls. Cause us to rejoice that you have provided a special place where we may gather to talk of your presence and love; to sing your praises; and to be empowered to go forth to serve you. AMEN.

*OPENING HYMN Trust and Obey United Methodist Hymnal #467

*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

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

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Romans 11:1-2, 29-32 and Matthew 15:10-28

MESSAGE Uh Oh, What Happened?

CLOSING HYMN Majesty, Worship His Majesty United Methodist Hymnal #176

COMMISSION & BLESSING

THIS WEEK'S SELF STUDY: Armored

Read: [Ephesians 6:10-20](#)

- Where does Paul note the source of our strength coming from (v. 10)? [The strength of God's power.]
- Who does Paul observe as our real enemies (v. 12)? What does this say about who are enemies are and are not? [Oftentimes, our enemies are not specific people, but conditions, situations, and forces beyond our control.]
- Which part of the armor of God do you desire the most and why?
- How might this armor help us to “stand against” evil (v. 11)?
- How might this armor help us to “keep alert” (v. 18)?
- What have you learned in this series to help you and your church be “geared up for life”?
- How can this group be of further help to you as you seek to grow as a disciple of Jesus for the transformation of the world?

SENDING FORTH PRAYER

Gracious God, empower us to stand against the evil forces we encounter in this world and to be alert to your presence. May your grace enable us to be imitators of you, to be disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Amen.

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