

Order of Worship for Sunday, November 7, 2021

For the transformation of the world, we make disciples. We study God's Word and offer praise and worship as we strengthen each other for outreach beyond the church walls.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Potluck Dinner and Comedy Night is tonight, bring a dish to share ready to eat at 5:30pm. After the meal we will watch *Thou Shalt Laugh*, Christian standup comedy DVD
- The next "Coffee with Pastor Theresa" is Tuesday, Nov. 9th at Earlstown Diner at 9am
- Youth Pizza Study for grades 6-12 meets Nov. 14 at 5pm at St. James UMC, all youth invited!

CENTERING WORDS Faithfulness generates faithfulness.

SERVICE OF THE ACOLYTE *Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary. Pure and holy, tried and true. With thanksgiving I'll be a living sanctuary for you.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: What joy it is to have you here today!

P: We have come from very busy lives, filled both with joys and difficulties.

L: Welcome to this place in which God will ease your burdens and celebrate your joys with you.

P: We have come to find hope and peace in our lives.

L: Whatever has happened this week in your life, know that God is with you and offering you peace, rest and blessing.

P: Thanks be to God who accepts us as we are, and thanks for the warm welcome in this service of worship.

OPENING PRAYER

Lord, we have come to you this day bringing all that we have, our lives, our hopes and dreams, our fears and sorrows. We place these before you in faith and hope, knowing that no matter what has happened you are with us and blessing us. Open our hearts to receive your words and your spirit, that we may find healing and comfort. Open our lives to the wondrous possibilities for service and joy that you offer to us. Ease our minds and spirits that we may hear the words of encouragement and peace this day. AMEN.

OPENING HYMN For the Healing of the Nations [United Methodist Hymnal #428](#)

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 The Widow's Mite (Might?)

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

SELECTED SCRIPTURE [Hebrews 9:24-28](#) // [Mark 12:38-44](#)

MESSAGE Take Notice

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE [United Methodist Hymnal p. 12](#)

CLOSING HYMN Jesu, Jesu [United Methodist Hymnal #432](#)

COMMISSION & BLESSING

THIS WEEK'S SELF STUDY: Not One Stone

Read [Mark 13:1-8](#).

- How do you imagine the disciples responded to Jesus' declaration that the great buildings would be thrown down (v. 2)?
- Why do you think people are still overly fascinated about the timing of the "end times"?
- How is this passage about who we trust and follow? [In verse 5, Jesus warns the disciples that some will seek to lead them astray. In verse 6, Jesus observes that some will try to deceive and trick.]
- How can we disciples today be discerning about who we follow?
- How can wisdom and discernment give us perspective on the seemingly chaotic events that we encounter? How will this help us to live a life that matters?

SENDING FORTH PRAYER

Faithful God, we confess that there have been times when we have been tempted to trust in the ways of this world. Yet, we know you are faithful, even when we are faithless. Through the Holy Spirit, guide us, convict us, lead us where you would have us to follow. Help our trust to remain steadfast in your love. Amen.

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