

Morning Worship

Sunday, August 23, 2020, 10:00 am

12th Sunday after Pentecost

Beginning Music "Amazing Grace"

Prelude "Spirit Song"

Words to ponder: "Seek the living God, who rescues and saves us in times of trial. Seek the living God, who renews, transforms, and strengthens us in our hour of need."

Additional Scriptures for this Sunday:

Exodus 1:8-2, 10; Psalm 124; Romans 12:1-8

Scriptures for 13th Sunday after Pentecost:

Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b; Romans 12:9-21;

Matthew 16:21-28

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome Pastor Ed

Call to Worship (*Responsively*) Leader

Leader: We step off the streets, away from places of work, shopping malls, billboards, and news broadcasts, to stand before the living God.

People: **Our help is in the name of the living God, maker of heaven and earth.**

Leader: We turn away from the world and the patterns of power that too often hurt, trap, and swallow us up.

People: **We stand before our helper, the God of mercy, who rescues and renews us.**

Leader: We come to this sanctuary seeking the living God, maker of heaven and earth.

People: **We present ourselves to the living God, who is compassionate and merciful, as a living and pleasing sacrifice.**

Opening Prayer (*Unison*) **Maker of heaven and earth, we come from different places with our own place on the journey. Some of us have succeeded and found favor. Some of us have failed**

and seek reassurance. Some of us feel trapped and helpless. Some of us have escaped peril and feel great relief. But no matter what our experience have been, we come here today to meet you in worship. Remind us of your power and mercy. Replenish our courage and vision. Renew our identity as your people. Reinvigorate our holy work in this world, for our help is in your name alone, Holy God, maker of heaven and earth. Amen.

Opening Hymn "Take My Life" Sheryl Rajpolt, Dave York
RoseAnne Homola

Offering One Another the Peace of Christ Pastor Ed

A Time for Children of All Ages Sheryl Rajpolt

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Gospel Reading Matthew 13:16-20 Leader

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ!**

Hymn of Preparation "Spirit of the Living God" Patti Early

Sermon "*Who Do You Say – That You Are*" Pastor Ed

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*) Leader

God of mercy and grace, it is hard to hold onto hope. We see people handed over as food for the enemies' teeth, or as prey for the hunters' traps. Sometimes we are the food and the prey. Sometimes we are the enemy and the hunter. Sometimes we are merely bystanders, too afraid or powerless to act as we should. Forgive us, O God, when we accept things as they are. Maker of heaven and earth, giver of hope, savior of the distressed, fill our imaginations and our hearts with your splendid vision for our world. Transform and renew our minds, that we may discern what is good and pleasing to you in this world you love so deeply. Amen.

Silent Meditation

Words of Assurance

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns

Bill Florin

Silent Prayer followed by the Pastoral Prayer

The Offering of our Gifts *(Please mail in your offerings)*

Doxology

Offering Prayer (Unison) O God, maker of heaven and earth, you are our help in the midst of need and danger. Bless our gifts this day, that they may find their way to those who feel hopeless and without resource. May our gifts be a sign of your hope and love, and may the people we help find their way to safety. Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

Sending Hymn "Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone" Patti Early
RoseAnne Homola

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

Benediction

Pastor Ed

Our Worship Tech Team

**Rose Aiello
Eunice Alberts
Patti Early
Bill Florin
RoseAnne Homola
Amy Rajpolt
Sheryl Rajpolt**

Ed Dayton – Pastor

Liturgist: Sabrina Hampe; Children's Time: Sheryl Rajpolt

Bill Florin – Joys and Concerns Leader

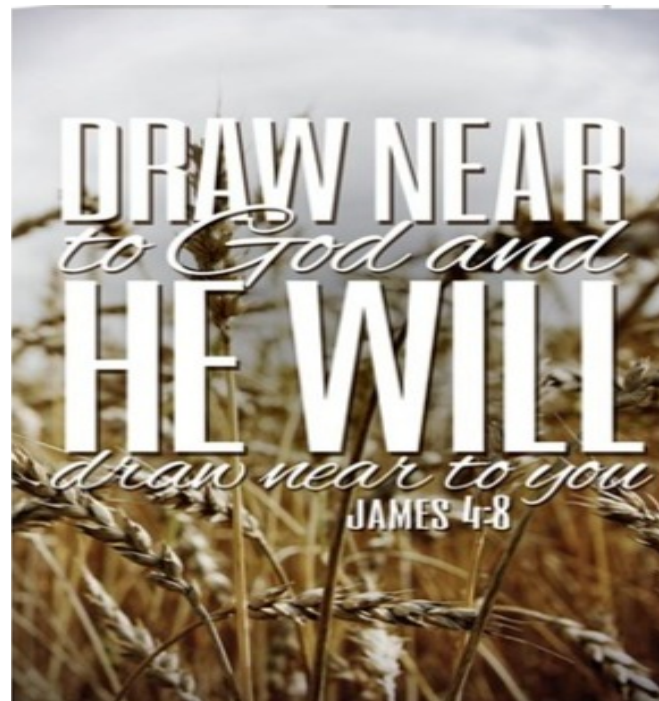
Soloists: Patti Early, Sheryl Rajpolt, Dave York

Organist: RoseAnne Homola

UMC Monroe Lay Leader: Rose Aiello

LHUMC Lay Leaders: Maggie Flemma and Tim Quinn

Patti Early, RoseAnne Homola, Eunice Alberts - Music Leaders



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