

## Morning Worship

Sunday, September 20, 2020, 10:00 am

### 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**Beginning Music** "I Am Thine O Lord"

**Prelude** "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

**Words to ponder:** "Look around. Listen Carefully. Peer into your heart. What do you see? What do you hear? What do you find?"

**Additional Scriptures for this Sunday:** Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 or Psalm 78; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-6

**Scriptures for 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost:** Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

### WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

**Welcome** Rose Aiello

**Call to Worship** (*Responsively*) Thayer & Evan

Leader: What brings us joy?

**People:** **What slows us down?**

Leader: What gives us hope?

**People:** **What makes us think?**

Leader: What invites us to wonder?

**People:** **What makes us change?**

Leader: Might it have something to do with the Holy?

**People:** **Let us worship God.**

**Morning Prayer** (*Unison*) The voice of God has gathered us this day and his warmth brings us together as one people. Let us come with both joy and sorrow in our hearts; with acts mighty and faltering; with kindness and with selfishness, with doubt and with faith – so that we may bring the fullness of our lives to God. Let us worship well this day. Amen.

**Hymn of Praise** "Seek Ye First" Rose Aiello/Sue Simmons/  
RoseAnn Homola

**Offering One Another the Peace of Christ**

### WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

**New Testament** 2 Corinthians 11:24-31 Kathy Pancoast

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God!**

**Gospel Reading** 1 Peter 1:6-7

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Skit** "GPS Help on the Road of Life"

**Mini-Message** "*Who's in Control*" Rose Aiello

### WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

**Prayer of Confession** (*Unison*) Tanya Lennon

Lord, we give you all that we are this day. Brush away our weariness, so that we may be inspired. Help us discover new ways to reveal your love to all. Keep our minds clear and focused on all we need to achieve, and give us the wisdom to overcome difficulties and find solutions. We look to you and trust you are with us always. Amen.

### Moment of Silence

### Words of Assurance

**Offering our Gifts to God** (*Please mail in your offerings*)

### Doxology

**Offering Prayer** (*Unison*) Lord, You call us to be servants in Your Son's holy name. Help us to focus on the Christian practice of hospitality by freely giving to others in Your name. Accept this offering as a profound gesture of our desire to serve You today and always. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

**Prayer Concerns and Praises** Bill Florin

## A Prayer Library

Anita Stabler-Hussey

Leader: For our unity and the unity of your whole church in your mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

**People: Hear us, O God.**

Leader: With leaders at every level of our common life.

**People: Hear us, O God.**

Leader: For the earth, that we may inspire others to be good stewards of all the gifts of your creation.

**People: Hear us, O God.**

Leader: With all who need your healing and deliverance from physical or

**People: Hear us, O God.**

## The Lord's Prayer (*Unison*)

### WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

**Sending Hymn** "Sing Praise to God Who Reins Above" Rose Aiello/  
Sue Simmons/RoseAnne Homolo

## Benediction and Blessing

### Our Worship Tech Team

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

Ed Dayton – Pastor; Service Leader: Rose Aiello  
Liturgists: Tanya Lennon, Kathy Pancoast  
Bill Florin – Joys and Concerns Leader  
Soloist: Rose Aiello and Sue Simmons; Pianist: RoseAnne Homola  
UMC Monroe Lay Leader: Rose Aiello  
LHUMC Lay Leaders: Maggie Flemma and Tim Quinn  
Music Leaders: Eunice Alberts, Patti Early, RoseAnne Homola



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