

Morning Worship

Sunday, October 18, 2020, 10:00 am

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Beginning Music "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Prelude "In Christ Alone" Ron Giannattasio

Words to ponder: "As we gather today, God is with us. The Holy One knows us. The Living God shines through us."

Additional Scriptures for this Sunday: Exodus 33:12-23;
Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Scriptures for Reformation: Deuteronomy 34:1-12;
Psalms 90:1-6, 13-17; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome Pastor Ed

Call to Worship (*Responsively*) Leader

Leader: Brothers and sisters, we are loved by God.

People: The ruler of heaven and earth knows us by name.

Leader: God hears and answers our cries for help.

People: God shows compassion and kindness to us.

Leader: May our lives praise and magnify our great and awesome God.

People: We have come to worship the one whose image is imprinted within us.

Opening Prayer (*Unison*) Leader

Magnificent and Holy One, we long to know you better. As we make our way in this world, we search for signs that you are with us. Give us a glimpse of your glorious presence, and show us your ways. May our lives ring out the marvelous message of your goodness, your mercy, and your love. Amen.

Opening Hymn "He is Exalted" Heather Arnold/
Sheryl Rajpolt/RoseAnne Homola

Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

A Time for Children of All Ages

Sheryl Rajpolt

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading Genesis 1:26-31 Leader

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Gospel Reading Matthew 22:15-22 Leader

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ!

Hymn of Preparation "Spirit of the Living God" Eunice Alberts/
Ron Giannattasio

Sermon "Talk About a Loaded Question" Pastor Ed

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*) Leader

O God, our God, you have shown us your ways and promised to walk with us. Through your Son, Jesus, you have given us an example to follow, that we might be imitators of your divine love. But we have not kept the laws and rules you have given us. Lover of justice, forgive us when we forget whose image we bear. May the deep convictions of our faith be displayed through acts of kindness, compassion and mercy, in your holy name we pray. Amen.

Silent Meditation

Words of Assurance

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns Bill Florin

Response: "Lord, hear our prayers."

Silent Prayer followed by the Pastoral Prayer

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

Doxology

Offering Prayer (*Unison*) These offerings represent only a part of what we owe you. Our currency bears the imprint of worldly powers, but we bear the holy image you inscribe on our hearts. All that we have and all that we are belong to you, O God. As we give these gifts and ourselves freely to you, may others know your goodness and your love, through our offerings. Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

Sending Hymn "O, How I Love Jesus" Heather Arnold/
Sheryl Rajpolt/RoseAnne Homola

The Lord's Prayer (*Unison*)

Benediction

Our Worship Tech Team

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

Ed Dayton – Pastor

Liturgist: Eunice Albert; Children's Time: Sheryl Rajpolt

Bill Florin – Joys and Concerns Leader

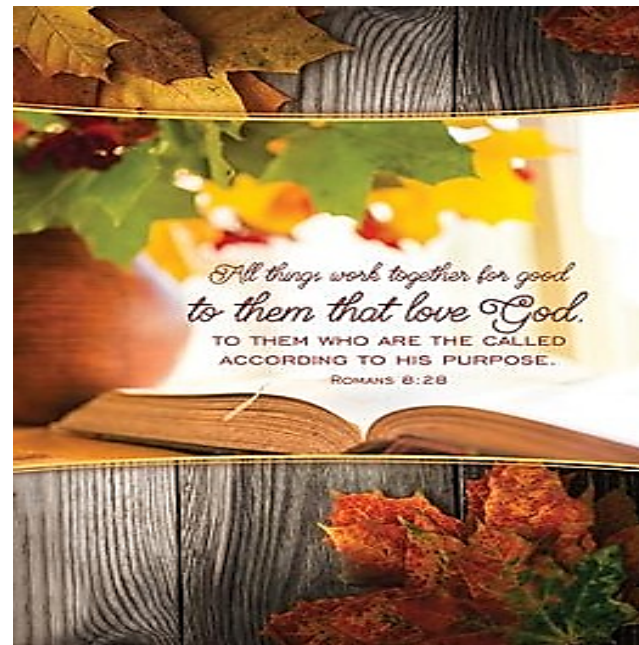
Soloists: Heather Arnold, Sheryl Rajpolt

Pianist/Organist: Ron Giannattasio and RoseAnne Homola

UMC Monroe Lay Leader: Rose Aiello

LHUMC Lay Leaders: Maggie Flemma and Tim Quinn

Music Leaders: Patti Early, RoseAnne Homola, Eunice Alberts



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