

Morning Worship

Sunday, October 25, 2020, 10:00 am

21st Sunday after Pentecost

Beginning Music "How Great Thou Art"

Prelude Ron Giannattasio

Words to ponder: "Called to live; called to serve; called to be kingdom people: Let us love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, strength, and mind. And let us love our neighbors as we love ourselves.

Additional Scriptures for this Sunday: Deuteronomy 34:1-12;
Psalms 90:1-6, 13-17; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Scriptures for 22nd Sunday after Pentecost: Joshua 3:7-17;
Psalms 107:1-7, 33-37; 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:1-12

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome Pastor Ed

Call to Worship (*Responsively*) Leader

Leader: Turn to the Lord with yearning and with hearts ready to serve.

People: **May God turn our mourning into singing and our sorrows into laughter.**

Leader: Come before the Lord with hope and expectation.

People: **May God turn our weeping into celebration and our grief into shouts of joy.**

Leader: Turn to the Lord with yearning and with hearts ready to serve.

Opening Prayer (*Unison*) Leader

Eternal Mystery, before the mountains were brought forth, and before you formed the earth and seas, you are God. You make us like grass, which flourishes in the morning and fades in the evening. IN the blink of an eye, you turn us back to dust, for a thousand years in your sight are like a watch in the night. Restore us with your blessings, O Lord, and heal us with your favor. Make our works prosper, for we are your people, and you are our God. Amen

Opening Hymn "The Gift of Love" Heather Arnold/
Sheryl Rajpolt/RoseAnne Homola

Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

A Time for Children of All Ages Marsha Moore

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Gospel Reading Matthew 22:34-36 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 "*I Don't Know How to Love Him*" Pastor Ed

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*) Leader

Eternal God, like a mighty glacier, your love moves all that stands before it. As we struggle to love our neighbors as we love ourselves, be patient with us. For we bear deep wounds from offering love to those who have hurt us. Nurture us in your healing love, that our fears may hold no sway over us, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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) We have heard what we must do: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. And ... you shall love your neighbor as yourself.” May the offerings we bring this day be a sign of our commitment to be known by our love. Bless these offerings and our loving in your holy name, we pray. Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

Sending Hymn “Pass It On” Heather Arnold/
Sheryl Rajpolt/RoseAnne Homola

The Lord’s Prayer (Unison)

Benediction Response “The Gift of Love” Heather Arnold/
Sheryl Rajpolt/RoseAnne Homola

Our Worship Tech Team

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

Ed Dayton – Pastor

Leader: Sue Simmons; Children’s Time: Marsha Moore

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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