

Morning Worship

August 22, 2021, 9:30 am

**Denotes Standing, in body and/or spirit
Please remember to silence your cell phones*

Worship Theme: Choose today whom you will serve

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude Prelude on "Cincinnati" arrg. David Paterson
Based on early American Melody (Organ)

Welcome & Announcements Rose Aiello

***Call to Worship** (*Responsively*) Psalm 37 Leader

Leader: Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers,

People: **for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb.**

Leader: Trust in the Lord, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.

People: **Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

Leader: Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him, and He will act.

People: **He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday.**

Leader: Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for Him;

People: **do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.**

***Opening Prayer** (*Unison*) Leader

Heavenly Father, we thank you for this day of worship. We've chosen to be here today to give praises to You. We've decided that being in worship is more important than the many things vying for our attention. Open our hearts so that we can truly "*Commit our way to the Lord*" and receive Your message. Give us the strength to make it *our* story that "*Jesus is mine*" and "*as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.*" Amen.

***Opening Hymn** "Blessed Assurance" UMH #369

Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

A Time for Children of All Ages

Rose Aiello

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Joshua 24:1-2, 14-18 (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

***Gospel Reading** John 6:56-69 (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon "Go/No-Go" Pastor Chuck

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn of Response "Father I Adore You" TFWS 2038

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*) Leader

Father, Jesus, Holy Spirit, we adore you. We praise you and are committed to you this day. Yet, we confess that when troubles arise, we doubt. When fear takes over, we turn to self-preservation. While we pray "Your kingdom come," we allow *our* will to be done. Forgive us Lord. In our weakness, we turn our eyes away from you. In your grace, allow us to be those who stand firmly and say, "*as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.*" Let us commit today whom we will serve. You are a God worth serving. Amen.

Silent Meditation

Words of Assurance

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns

Silent Prayer followed by the Pastoral Prayer

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

*Doxology

Offering Prayer (Unison)

Eternal God, everything we have, and everything we are, is a gift from you. Today we offer our treasures back to you. Today, we offer our thoughts back to you. Today, we offer our lives back to you in blessed assurance of your promises. May they be used to enhance Your kingdom “on earth as it is in heaven.” In your strength, multiply our gifts as only You can do. We pray this is Jesus’ name. Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Hymn “Where He Leads Me” UMH #338

*Benediction

*Benediction Response “Stand Up, Stand up for Jesus” UMH #514

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