

Morning Worship

February 20, 2022, 10:00 am

**Denotes Standing, in body and/or spirit*

Worship Theme: Love for Enemies

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "Fairest Lord Jesus" S. Volkslieder 1842

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Amy Rajpolt

***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: The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord; He is their refuge in the time of trouble.

People: The Lord helps them and rescues them; He rescues them from the wicked, and saves them, because they take refuge in Him.

***Opening Hymn** "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" TFWS #2146

***Opening Prayer/Prayer of Confession** (*Unison*) Leader
Heavenly Father, we confess that *loving our enemies, blessing those who curse us, and praying for those who abuse us* is much easier said than done. It is often much easier to become defensive, fight back, or simply feel hurt when others do us harm. How are you so merciful, Lord? How can we be just as merciful so that we can have eyes to see that *what the world intended as harm, you intended for good*. Allow us to grow in this sacred time of worship to love as you love and to truly become *children of the Most High*. We pray this all in Jesus' name. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

CHOIR ANTHEM "Come Unto Me"

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 45:3–15 (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

***Gospel Lesson:** Luke 6:27–38 (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon "What Would Joseph Do?" Pastor Chuck

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn of Response "Freely, Freely" UMH #389

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*)

Lord Jesus, we humbly come to your altar once again to offer our treasures as well as our service. Lord, if this is a time of struggle, let it be our source of strength. If this offering stretches us, let us proclaim as Paul did, that *when I am weak, then I am strong*. Use our weakness, and our gifts, to Your service. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*Sending Hymn	“Pass It On”	UMH #572
*Benediction		
*Benediction Resp.	“Blest Be the Tie That Binds” (v. 1)	UMH #557



“Growing in the Body of Christ”