

**Sunday Worship**  
**November 17, 2024, 10:00 am**

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

**Worship Theme:** Laity Sunday

**WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

**Prelude** Prelude on "Cincinnati" David Paxton  
*based on early American Melody*

**Welcome & Announcements (see insert)** Rose Aiello

**\*Call to Worship** Keegan Shope

**Leader:** We are appointed by Jesus Christ.

**People:** **We go with God.**

**Leader:** We offer peace in the Spirit of the Lord to everyone we meet.

**People:** **We open our hearts.**

**Leader:** We proclaim the good news.

**People:** **The kingdom of God is near!**

**\*Opening Hymn** "Take My Life and Let It Be" UMH #399

**\*Opening Prayer (Unison)** Dylan Palin  
Generous and loving God, who provides water in the desert, wine at a wedding, fish when there are no bites, bread when we are hungry, answers when we are confused, be with us this morning, as you are always. Blow through us, that we might sense your presence. Wrestle with us, that we might discern your path. Love us that we might become who you call us to be. Forgive us for those times when we forget that you are the Great Provider and help us to respond to all that we are, all that you have made us, with love, with abundance, with care, and with generosity. Amen.

**Words of Assurance** Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

**Choir Anthem** "Serve Others" Kenn Mann

**A Time for Children of All Ages** Sue Simmons

**\*Affirmation of Faith UMH #883**

Chris Shope

**WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD**

**Scripture:** [Romans 12:3-8](#) (NRSV) Amy Rajpolt

**Lector:** The Word of the Lord.

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

**Scripture:** [1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 27-31](#) (NRSV) Rose Aiello

**Lector:** The Word of God for the People of God

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

**Message** **A Return on Your Investment** Rose Aiello

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

**Gratitude Moment** Sheryl Rajpolt

**Offering & Blessing of Commitments** Pastor Chuck Schif

**Hymn of Response** "Somebody's Knockin'  
at Your Door" WS #3095  
(v. 1-3) Leader sung by: Sheryl Rajpolt

**We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns** Dave York

**Silent Prayer followed by the Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**

**\*Doxology**

**The Offering of our Gifts**

**Offering Prayer (Unison)** Rose Aiello

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.

