

Order of Worship
TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
9:30 am – October 24, 2021

Participating Live?

Text your prayer requests to 805-309-6867 before the end of the first hymn.

PRELUDE

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow
Shirley Otero, organ

by Lowell Mason

WELCOME

Pastors

HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

UMH 400

Text: Robert Robinson, 1758, Public Domain. Tune: NETTLETON, 1813, Public Domain.

1. Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.
2. Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.
3. O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

OPENING PRAYER (unison)

Ginny Dilworth

God of unending grace, You continue to open your hand and fill every corner of Your creation with good things. Open now our hearts that they may fill with gratitude for Your every gift – small and vast; seen and unseen; present and past. As our hearts overflow, may we joyfully render back to You every good thing that You have entrusted to us. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

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HYMN

Amazing Grace

UMH 378

Text: John Newton, 1779, verse 6 unknown, Public Domain. Tune: AMAZING GRACE,
19th C. melody, harm. by Edwin O. Excell, 1900. Public Domain.

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.
3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
4. The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.
5. Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess, within the veil, a life of joy and peace.
6. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Matt

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

ANTHEM

How Lovely Are the Messengers Mendelssohn/Hopson
Chancel Choir; Bob Riggs, director; Shirley Otero, accompanist

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 23; Luke 15: 11-32 (NRSV) Ginny Dilworth
The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Delighting in God's Grace Pastors

OFFERTORY PRAYER (unison)

God of mercy, everything in heaven and earth belongs to You, and You invite all of us to Your banquet table. We confess that we have attempted to grab, possess, and hoard Your gifts of grace, which You intend to be shared. Reawaken us to Your grace, freely and abundantly given to all, so that our gifts might be signs of our whole lives returned to You. Amen.

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HYMN

Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast
(adapted from verses 1, 2, 12a, 14a, 24)

Text: Charles Wesley, 1747; ed. Rev. Dr. Randy L. Maddox and Aileen F. Maddox, *Redemption Hymns*, p. 63-66, ©2021. Accessed through The Center for Studies in the Wesleyan Tradition, Duke Divinity School (<https://divinity.duke.edu/initiatives/cswt/charles-published-verse>). Used with permission. Tune: HURSLEY, Public Domain

Come, sinners, to the gospel-feast; let every soul be Jesus' guest,
you need not one be left behind, for God hath bidden all humankind.

Sent by my Lord, on you I call, the invitation is to all.
Come all the world: come, sinner, thou, all things in Christ are ready now.

Come all you souls, by sin oppressed, you weary wanderers after rest,
my message as from God receive: you all may come to Christ, and live.

This is the time, no more delay! This is the Lord's accepted day,
Come in, this moment, at his call, and live for Him who died for all.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Agnus Dei Michael W. Smith
Shirley Otero, organ

Prayer Requests:

South Pasadena: Pacific Korean Mission — Pastor Paul Dowon Lee

Van Nuys UMC — Pastor Jay Ahn & Pastor Bo Yong Lee

Robert Salas — recovery from surgery on 10/19

Linda Hawley — health concerns

Trunk or Treat & Haunted Campsite

Sunday, October 31st, 4:30pm-6:00pm
in the Church Parking Lot

Please consider decorating your car, handing out candy, or greeting guests!
For more information, contact Kimmie at family@venturafumc.org.