

*Order of Worship*  
**NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
9:30 am – August 7, 2022

***Participating Live?***

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

**PRELUDE**

*Prelude in F, BWV 556*  
public domain; Lance Crane, organ

J.S. Bach

**GREETING**

**HYMN**

*Joyful, Joyful, We adore Thee*  
CCLI / Streaming: 345977 / 20105371 / CCLI Song #338211  
Words: Henry Van Dyke. Public Domain. Music: Ludwig Van Beethoven. Public Domain.

UMH 89

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!
2. All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.
3. Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.
4. Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;  
love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span.  
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;  
joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive)

Bob & Kathy Fierro, liturgists

The Lord calls us today to be people of justice and mercy.  
**Our worship is hollow if it focuses only on our own gratification.**

The Lord asks that our words of hope become actions of peace.

**Thanks be to God who challenges and calls us.**

Let our ministry together bring peace and justice.

**Let our lives reflect God's love and mercy. Amen**

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**HYMN**

*Wonderful Words of Life*  
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UMH 600

1. Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life; let me more of their beauty see,  
wonderful words of life; words of life and beauty teach me faith and duty.  
**Refrain:** Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.  
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

2. Christ, the blessed one, gives to all wonderful words of life; sinner, list to the loving call, wonderful words of life; all so freely given, wooing us to heaven. **(Refrain)**
3. Sweetly echo the gospel call, wonderful words of life; offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of life; Jesus, only Savior, sanctify forever. **(Refrain)**

## PASTORAL PRAYER

## SPECIAL MUSIC

*I Believe*

*Ron Harrington, voice; Lance Crane, piano*

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## SCRIPTURE

*Matthew 5: 1-12 (NRSV)*

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The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

## MESSAGE

*“Life is a Blessing”*

*Pastor David Burgeson*

## HYMN

*Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God*

UMH 405

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1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,  
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!
2. Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find;  
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

## OFFERTORY PRAYER (unison)

**Faithful Father, you ask us to place you first in all that we do. You call us to surrender completely to your will and to be obedient to your word. However, letting go is such a great barrier to overcome. We fool ourselves into the premise of being in control. Lift this barrier! Increase our hearts desire to freely provide for others in our giving and our serving. In the name of your servant son, Jesus, the Christ, we bless these offerings to your glory. Amen.**

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## HYMN

*We've a Story to Tell to the Nations*

UMH 569

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1. We've a story to tell to the nations, that shall turn their hearts to the right, a story of truth and mercy,  
a story of peace and light, a story of peace and light.  
  
**Refrain:** For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noonday bright;  
and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth, the kingdom of love and light.
2. We've a song to be sung to the nations, that shall lift their hearts to the Lord, a song that shall conquer evil  
and shatter the spear and sword, and shatter the spear and sword. **(Refrain)**
3. We've a message to give to the nations, that the Lord who reigneth above hath sent us his Son to save us,  
and show us that God is love, and show us that God is love. **(Refrain)**
4. We've a Savior to show to the nations, who the path of sorrow hath trod, that all of the world's great peoples  
might come to the truth of God, might come to the truth of God. **(Refrain)**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love him,  
who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another.  
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.*

### PRAYER OF YEARNING

**Patient and loving God, heal our impatience. When we are foolish and impetuous, calm us down.**

**When we are hesitant and reticent, push us forward. When we are unprepared or distracted, bring us back into focus. Center our hearts and minds on you. Center our actions and priorities on love and service, that we may be your people and serve your world with the same love you've shown to us. Amen**

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### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Don't be afraid, my friends. God delights in giving us more grace and mercy than we could possibly imagine. Forgiven and accepted, we are deeply loved, and all is well.

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### THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us lift up our hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

... And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth  
are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one  
who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

... As we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

... Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine.

**Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ that we may be  
for the world the body of Christ redeemed by His blood.**

... All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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### 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.**

### BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

*Trumpet Tune in D*

Paul Fey

Lance Crane, organ; used with permission from the composer

### *Prayer Requests*

**Tujung UMC—Pastor Thomas Kendall Sr.**

**Quartz Hill-Christ Our Savior—Pastor Thomas Kendall Sr.**

All those with health concerns or grieving the loss of a loved one.