

*Order of Worship*  
*ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST*  
9:30 am – August 13, 2023

*Participating Live?*

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

**PRELUDE**

*Improvisation on “Balm of Gilead”*  
Kyle Hanks, organ

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive)

Shelley Wiltfang, liturgist

O give thanks to the LORD, call upon God's name.  
**May God's deeds be known among God's people.**  
Sing praise to God; tell all of God's wonderful works.

**We glory in God's holy name.**  
Seek the LORD and God's strength.

**We will seek God's presence continually and remember all the good that God has done.**

(CJH -- based on Psalm 105:1-5)

**OPENING HYMN**

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

UMH 139

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1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
2. O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near, join me in glad adoration.

3. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what He ordaineth?

4. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!  
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do if with His love He befriend thee.

4. Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee,  
Fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee.  
Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed, spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.

5. Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!  
Let the amen sound from His people again; Gladly forever adore Him.

**PASTORAL PRAYER & 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.**

**MUSIC OFFERING**

*Ave Maria*  
Martha Brewer-Hong, Soprano; Kyle Hanks, Piano  
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by J. S. Bach/Charles Gounod

**SCRIPTURE**

*Genesis 37: 1-4, 12-28 (NRSV)* Shelley Wiltfang, liturgist  
The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT** (Children and Youth come to the steps for a word from the pastor)

**PREPARATION HYMN**

*When Our Confidence Is Shaken*

UMH 505

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1. When our confidence is shaken in beliefs we thought secure,  
when the spirit in its sickness seeks but cannot find a cure,  
God is active in the tensions of a faith not yet mature.
2. Solar systems, void of meaning, freeze the spirit into stone;  
always our researches lead us to the ultimate unknown.  
Faith must die, or come full circle to its source in God alone.
3. In the discipline of praying, when it's hardest to believe;  
in the drudgery of caring, when it's not enough to grieve;  
faith, maturing, learns acceptance of the insights we receive.
4. God is love, and thus redeems us in the Christ we crucify;  
this is God's eternal answer to the world's eternal why.  
May we in this faith maturing be content to live and die!

**MESSAGE**

Pastor Cindy Huskey

**HYMN OF RESPONSE**

*We Shall Overcome* (vs 1, 5)

UMH 533

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1 We shall overcome, we shall overcome,  
we shall overcome someday!  
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe  
we shall overcome someday!

5 The Lord will see us through, the Lord will see us through.  
The lord will see us through someday!  
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe  
The Lord will see us through someday!

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**Gracious and generous God, you have blessed us in so many ways. Our hearts are filled with gratitude and thanksgiving as we offer back to you a portion of your gifts to us. Help us claim your faithfulness as we seek to increase our faithfulness to you. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.** (CJH)

**SENDING HYMN***Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

UMH 127

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1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;  
feed me till I want no more.
  
2. Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield;  
be thou still my strength and shield.
  
3. When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee;  
I will ever give to thee.

**BENEDICTION****POSTLUDE***Toccata*

Douglas Wagner

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Kyle Hanks, organ

*Prayer Requests***First UMC of Arroyo Grande**—Pastor Mary Birgelaitis**Hindi-Urdu UM Mission**—Pastor Lamuel Jacob

Frances Marshall—recovery from infection in arm

Nancy Sieh—recovering from Covid-19

All those suffering from illness or loss of loved ones.

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