

# Order of Worship

## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:30 am – September 19, 2021

### Watching Live?

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

**PRELUDE** *La Pière D'ene Vierge* by Baranowska  
Terilyn Huang, piano

**WELCOME** Pastors

**HYMN** *Hope of the World* UMH 178  
CCLI / Streaming: 345977 / 20105371 / CCLI Song # 5021914

Hope of the world, thou Christ of great compassion, speak to our fearful hearts by conflict rent.  
Save us, thy people, from consuming passion, who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.

Hope of the world, God's gift from highest heaven, bringing to hungry souls the bread of life,  
still let thy spirit unto us be given, to heal earth's wounds and end all bitter strife.

Hope of the world, afoot on dusty highways, showing to wandering souls the path of light,  
walk thou beside us lest the tempting byways lure us away from thee to endless night.

Hope of the world, who by thy cross didst save us from death and dark despair, from sin and guilt,  
we render back the love thy mercy gave us; take thou our lives, and use them as thou wilt.

Hope of the world, O Christ o'er death victorious, who by this sign didst conquer grief and pain,  
we would be faithful to thy gospel glorious; thou art our Lord! Thou dost forever reign.

**OPENING PRAYER** Tom Hundley  
**Lord, be with us this day, helping us to put our priorities in order; so that we may faithfully serve you by serving your people. Heal our fears and our weaknesses. Strengthen us and give us courage to truly be your disciples, not counting the rewards, but rejoicing in the work. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.**  
(Nancy Townley, *ministrymatters.com*)

**HYMN** *Change My Heart, O God* TFWS 2152  
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Change my heart, O God, make it ever true. Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.  
You are the Potter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.

**PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER** Pastor Erin McPhee  
**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** *God Be in My Head* by John Rutter  
Bob Riggs, director; Linda Ottsen, piano  
*God be in my head and in my understanding.  
God be in my eyes and in my looking.  
God be in my mouth and in my speaking.  
God be in my heart and in my thinking.  
God be at my end and in my departing.*

**SCRIPTURE** Mark 9: 30-37 (NRSV) Tom Hundley  
The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

**MESSAGE** *What is Greatness?* Pastors

**OFFERTORY PRAYER** (unison)

**Jesus said: “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.” Precious Lord, your love for us is amazing. You have blessed us in so many ways. The children of this congregation are an extraordinary example of your blessing. We are thankful for the numerous ministries of this church that reach out to children and families. May a portion of this money continue to support those ministries that welcome children in our midst. Amen.** (David S. Bell, ©2021, *davidsbell.org*)

**HYMN**

*Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service*

UMH 581

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Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,  
who upon the cross, forsaken, worked Your mercy's perfect deed:  
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart,  
consecrating to Your purpose ev'ry gift which You impart.

Still Your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;  
still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
As, O Lord, Your deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
use the love Your Spirit kindles still to save and make us whole.

As we worship grant us vision, till Your love's revealing light  
in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,  
making known the deeds and burdens Your compassion bids us bear,  
stirring us to tireless striving Your abundant life to share.

Called by worship to Your service, forth in Your dear name we go  
to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;  
hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give,  
that your servants, Lord, in freedom may Your mercy know, and live.

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*English Suite No. 2 Prelude in A minor*  
Terilyn Huang, piano

by J.S. Bach

***Prayer Requests:***

Pasadena: Scott UMC — Pastor Cavalain Hawkins & Pastor Alma Johnson-Hawkins  
Prayers for their transition to new pastoral leadership after a 23 year tenure.

Pearblossom Community UMC — Pastor Glenn Hoskins  
Prayers for the Asinor family, who just lost a father and husband.

Jack and Frances Marshall – Celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary this week

Praise God for a wonderful Homecoming Sunday!

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