Order of Worship

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:30 am – October 17, 2021

Participating Live?

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

PRELUDE

Allemande from English Suite No. 2 in A minor Terilyn Huang, piano

by J. S. Bach

WELCOME

HYMN

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

UMH 103

Pastors

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867, Public Domain. Tune: ST. DENIO, Welsh melody from John Roberts' *Canaidau y Cyssegr*, 1839, Public Domain.

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might; thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all; we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light; thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight; all laud we would render: O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

OPENING PRAYER (unison)

Eternal One, whose thoughts and ways are not ours, you alone are God, awesome, holy, and most high. School us in the ways of faith and wisdom, that we, like Job, may learn to truly see and hear, and in humility find blessing. Amen. (Revised Common Lectionary Prayers, ©2002)

Hymn

Stand By Me (verses 1,3,5)

UMH 512

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- 1 When the storms of life are raging, stand by me (stand by me); when the storms of life are raging, stand by me (stand by me).

 When the world is tossing me like a ship upon the sea, thou who rulest wind and water, Stand by me (stand by me).
- 3 In the midst of faults and failures, stand by me (stand by me); in the midst of faults and failures, stand by me (stand by me). When I do the best I can, and my friends misunderstand, thou who knowest all about me, stand by me (stand by me).
- 5 When I'm growing old and feeble, stand by me (stand by me); when I'm growing old and feeble, stand by me (stand by me). When my life becomes a burden, and I'm nearing chilly Jordan, O thou Lily of the Valley, stand by me (stand by me).

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Erin

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.

Climbin' Up the Mountain
Chancel Choir; Bob Riggs, director; Linda Ottsen, piano

by William Henry Smith

SCRIPTURE Job 38: 1-7 (NRSV) Bob & Kathy Fierro

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

MESSAGE An Encounter With God Rev. Joel Hortiales

MISSIONARY VIDEOS

Guillermo Berman Ramirez (Reynosa, Mexico)
Dr. Belinda Forbes D.D.S. (Nicaragua)
Cristian Schlick (Mexico City, Mexico)

OFFERTORY PRAYER (unison)

God of great blessing, but even greater lessons, remind us again who gives life and who receives it. Sometimes, like Job, we need a reminder that we are not in charge in the universe. The gifts we bring are a token of our gratitude for all the ways you bless our lives, even when we do not realize it. May we gain wisdom in the giving, and may these gifts be blessed for your glory, not ours. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

(adapted from umcdiscipleship.org)

HYMN O God Beyond All Praising TFWS 2009

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1 O God beyond all praising, we worship you today and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay; for we can only wonder at every gift you send, at blessings without number and mercies without end: We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your Word, we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

2 Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring, that we who know your favor may serve you as our king; and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill, we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:

To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways, and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDEGigue from English Suite No. 2 in A minor
Terilyn Huang, piano
by J. S. Bach

Prayer Requests:

Westlake Village UMC — Pastor Walt Dilg & Pastor Rachel Tabutol
Santa Clarita UMC — Pastor Mary Scifres & Pastor Kristi Smith
Linda Hawley — hospitalized

Family and friends of Libby Williams (mother of Dianna Burdick) - passed away peacefully on 10/14

Trunk or Treat & Haunted Campsite
Sunday, October 31st, 4:30pm-6:00pm
in the Church Parking Lot

Volunteers Needed — Please consider decorating your car or donating candy! For more information, contact Kimmie at family@venturafumc.org.