

# Order of Worship

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:30 am – September 26, 2021

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### PRELUDE

*Traumerei*  
Miriam Arichea, piano

by R. Schumann

### WELCOME

Pastors

### FAMILY MINISTRIES VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

Kimmie Stradling

Eternal God, you have entrusted us with the message of your power, grace, justice, and love.

**Today we recognize those who have responded to Your call  
to nurture the spiritual growth of our young people.**

We are grateful for their willingness to be channels of Your grace for all who are entrusted in their care.

**Thank you, Lord, for your faithfulness in supporting, sustaining, and  
encouraging our teachers and volunteers through gifts sufficient for the task.**

These volunteers have blessed our congregation with their commitment, compassion, and creativity.

**They have witnessed to Your loving care in unexpected ways  
during this challenging season of pandemic.**

As we begin this new school year, may we each take time to recognize and respond to God's call on our lives.

**Provide for us your guidance, that we may be teachers and learners together.**

We pledge ourselves to pray for the educational ministry of this congregation and consider our place in it.

**And above all, we thank you for the example of Jesus Christ,  
as we seek to welcome the "little ones" in our midst. Amen.**

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### HYMN

*Where Charity and Love Prevail*

UMH 549

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Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;  
brought here together by Christ's love, by love are we thus bound.

With grateful joy and holy fear true charity we learn;  
let us with heart and mind and strength now love Christ in return.

Forgive we now each other's faults as we our faults confess;  
and let us love each other well in Christian holiness.

Let strife among us be unknown, let all contention cease;  
be Christ the glory that we seek, be ours His holy peace.

Let us recall that in our midst dwells Gods begotten Son;  
as members of His body joined, we are in Him made one.

Love can exclude no race nor creed if honored be God's name;  
our common life embraces all whose Maker is the same.

### OPENING PRAYER (unison)

Bruce Miller

**Christ Jesus, we come into your presence from many different places. We come with songs of joy and shouts of gratitude. We come carrying heavy burdens and sighs of suffering. As you welcome us into your house, lift our burdens and receive our praise. Salt us with your grace and flavor us with your mercy. Bind us together, that we may be at peace with one another and be strengthened to go forth in service to the world. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

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### HYMN

*Jesus Lord, We Look to Thee (verses 1-4)*

UMH 562

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Jesus, Lord, we look to thee; let us in thy name agree;  
show thyself the Prince of Peace, bid our strife forever cease.

By thy reconciling love every stumbling block remove;  
each to each unite, endear; come, and spread thy banner here.

Make us of one heart and mind, gentle, courteous, and kind,  
lowly, meek, in thought and word, altogether like our Lord.

Let us for each other care, each the other's burdens bear;  
to thy church the pattern give, show how true believers live.

**PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER**

Pastor Matt

**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**

*Let the Praise Go 'Round*  
Bob Riggs, director

arr. Hal Hopson

**SCRIPTURE**

Mark 9: 38-50 (NRSV)  
The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Bruce Miller

**MESSAGE**

*Salty Servants*

Pastors

**OFFERTORY PRAYER (unison)**

**Merciful God, open our hearts to include those who do things differently in our extended family of faith. May these gifts be as a cup of cold water for a thirsty little one, meeting the needs of the most vulnerable in our midst and guiding us in the way of peace. Amen.** (Rev. Erin Maddox McPhee, ©2021)

**HYMN**

*You Are the Seed (Sois la semilla)*

UMH 583

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You are the seed that will grow a new sprout; you're a star that will shine in the night;  
you are the yeast and a small grain of salt, a beacon to glow in the dark.  
You are the dawn that will bring a new day; you're the wheat that will bear golden grain;  
you are a sting and a soft, gentle touch, my witnesses where'er you go.

**Refrain:** Go, my friends, go to the world, proclaiming love to all, messengers of my forgiving peace, eternal love.  
Be, my friends, a loyal witness, from the dead I arose; "Lo, I'll be with you forever, till the end of the world."

You are the flame that will lighten the dark, sending sparkles of hope, faith and love;  
you are the shepherds to lead the whole world through valleys and pastures of peace.  
You are the friends that I chose for myself, the word that I want to proclaim.  
You are the new kingdom built on a rock where justice and truth always reign. **(Refrain)**

You are the life that will nurture the plant; you're the waves in a turbulent sea;  
yesterday's yeast is beginning to rise, a new loaf of bread it will yield.  
There is no place for a city to hide, nor a mountain can cover its might;  
may your good deeds show a world in despair a path that will lead all to God. **(Refrain)**

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Spinning Song*  
Miriam Arichea, piano

by F. Mendelssohn

**Prayer Requests:**

Santa Maria: Saint Andrew UMC— Pastor Eric Scott  
Extension Ministries — All clergy appointed beyond the local church

**October 3rd is World Communion Sunday!** To learn about this Special Sunday offering, visit <https://www.umc.org/en/content/world-communion-sunday-ministry-article>