## **GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD** Sunday, September 8, 2024 RALLY SUNDAY

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Melinda Sciera

**Praise Songs** 

Call to Worship Carol Parisella

Leader: How I love your Church, Lord Almighty!

People: How I want to be here!

Leader: I long to be in the Lord's Temple.

People: With my whole being I sing for joy to the living God.

Hymn: "Victory in Jesus" UMH 370

Prayer Carol Parisella

We come to you for a fresh start as a new season begins. Help us not just to try to get more religious but to long for a power greater than myself to make it through life. Help us to go beyond simply becoming a better person. So we can discover unconditional love so powerful that it can transform us with a purpose for life that will get us out of bed, excited to meet each day. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Lord of life, joy and hope. Amen.

Children's Moment Pastor Sung Ho Lee

Blessing of the Backpacks

Anthem:

Scripture Reading: 1 John 4:7-10 Carol Parisella

<sup>7</sup> Dear friends, let's love each other, because love is from God, and everyone who loves is born from God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> The person who doesn't love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup> This is how the love of God is revealed to us: God has sent his only Son into the world so that we can live through him. <sup>10</sup> This is love: it is not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son as the sacrifice that deals with our sins.

Message: Bind Us Together in Love Pastor Sung Ho Lee

Sharing Joys and Concerns Carol Parisella The 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, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

The People Bring Their Gifts
The baskets will be passed or you may use the UMCL app

The People Offer Praise "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH #95

The People Go into The World

Hymn: "Bind Us Together" FWS 2226

Benediction

Postlude