## **GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD**

Sunday, October 26, 2025

**Prelude** 

Welcome/Announcements

**Darcy Young** 

\*Call to Worship

Colleen Hay

Leader: O sing to the Lord;

**People:** for the Lord has done marvelous things! Leader: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth;

People: break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

- Psalm 98

\*Praise Songs

**Praise Band** 

Prayer

Colleen Hay

Gracious and Generous God, we thank You for the gift of the church and the joy of gathering together. Bless this ministry of hospitality, and let our presence in the community shine with the light of Jesus—a light that drives away fear and draws people closer to You. As we prepare for our Trunk or Treat event, we remember that every smile, every piece of candy, and every decorated trunk is a way to share Your love with our neighbors. May our church grounds become a place of welcome, laughter, and safety for every child and family who comes. We trust that Your grace can touch lives in surprising ways. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Light and our Joy, we pray. Amen.

Anthem:

Choir

Children's Moment

\*Hymn: "For the Beauty of the Earth"

UMH 92 (vv. 1,2,4)

Scripture Reading: Jonah 4:5-11

Colleen Hay

Jonah said, "Yes, my anger is good—even to the point of death!"

<sup>10</sup> But the LORD said, "You 'pitied' the shrub, for which you didn't work and which you didn't raise; it grew in a night and perished in a night. <sup>11</sup> Yet for my part, can't I pity Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than one hundred twenty thousand people who can't tell their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message: Church and Trunk-or-Treat

Pastor Sung Ho Lee

The People Bring Their Gifts

The baskets will be passed or you may use the UMCL app

\*"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH #95

**Sharing Joys and Concerns** 

Colleen Hay

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.

**Leader:** Gracious and loving God, You call us to be light in the world. As we prepare for Trunk or Treat, we thank You for joy, creativity, and community.

Children: Thank You, God, for fun and friends!

**People:** We give You thanks, O God, for this chance to share Your love with our neighbors.

**Leader:** Bless every child, every family, and every volunteer who will join us. May laughter fill our parking lot and kindness fill every heart.

**Children:** Let there be lots of smiles and candy!

People: Let our smiles reflect the light of Jesus, and our welcome show the warmth of Your grace.

All (including children): In the name of Jesus Christ, our Light and our Joy, we pray. Amen!

## Postlude

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> But Jonah went out from the city and sat down east of the city. There he made himself a hut and sat under it, in the shade, to see what would happen to the city. <sup>6</sup> Then the LORD God provided a shrub, and it grew up over Jonah, providing shade for his head and saving him from his misery. Jonah was very happy about the shrub. <sup>7</sup> But God provided a worm the next day at dawn, and it attacked the shrub so that it died. <sup>8</sup> Then as the sun rose God provided a dry east wind, and the sun beat down on Jonah's head so that he became faint. He begged that he might die, saying, "It's better for me to die than to live."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> God said to Jonah, "Is your anger about the shrub a good thing?"

<sup>\*</sup>Hymn: "This Little Light of Mine"

<sup>\*</sup>Benediction (with Children's Participation)