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SEPTEMBER 20, 2020 16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 10:30 AM

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### THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Meditation** Are we uncomfortable when we do not know what's coming next? Where is our faith in God?

#### Prelude

#### Church Bell

#### Welcome, Announcements & Ritual of Friendship

**Centering Moment** "Come, Now Is the Time to Worship"

#### \*Call to Worship

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord.

**People: Call upon His name.**

Leader: Make His deeds known to all peoples.

**People: Sing to God.**

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord.

**People: Dwell on His wondrous works.**

**First Scripture** Matthew 20:1-16

#### Unison Prayer

Leader: God of infinite patience, O how we love to complain: the journey is too long, we are hungry, we are thirsty, we are tired and want to go home, life isn't fair, this isn't what we signed up for.

**You've heard it all before, faithful One; you'll hear it all again. Yet, do not forsake us in our grumbling, but shower us with your blessings: for even we are weary of our complaining and long to make a fresh start. Open our lips to sing songs of gratitude and we will be reborn. Open our minds to the glories of your love and we will shine like the sun. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

#### Joys and Concerns / Pastoral Prayer / 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.**

#### Special Music

Vicki Keil

#### Receiving Our Tithes and Gifts

**\*Response** (tune "Gift of Love") UMH 408

Bless thou the gifts, our hands have brought;  
Bless thou the works our hearts have planned.  
Ours is the faith, the will, the thought;  
the rest, O God, is in thy hands.

#### \*Prayer of Thanksgiving

**\*Proclaiming our Faith** UMH 881

Apostles' Creed, Traditional Version

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;\*  
the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,

and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic\*\* church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

**\*Hymn** "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" UMH 462

**Silent Prayer** (Ps 19:14 "May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.")

**Scripture** Jonah 3:10 – 4:11

