The liturgical color is green for
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE "Festal Fanfare" *from* the Fourth Concerto — J. S. Bach
Amy Bender, piano

WELCOME — Michael Fournier, liturgist

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: The voice of our God and King is heard in blessing, as it echoes in its majestic powers over all creation.

MANY: We come to worship our God, and to celebrate the Mystery and Reality that is God's everlasting glory.

ONE: The voice of God is heard in all creation – and it responds with joy to the voice of its Creator, Sustainer and Renewer.

MANY: We come to worship our God, and to celebrate God's power and generosity towards all creation and all peoples.

ONE: We come to worship our God, and to celebrate the way we are welcomed into God's glorious presence.

ALL: The voice of our Holy God is heard in the sacred spaces, and God's grace is received as we worship. Amen.

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***OPENING HYMN** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" — UMH 103

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

OPENING PRAYER

Lord, we come before your throne of grace to acknowledge your voice. You speak; you have always spoken; and you are speaking. Your voice is majestic. It hovers over the waters, bringing about peace. It rides in the mighty roar of thunder, letting us know just how mighty you are. We hear your voice dancing in the consuming flames of fire found in the pit. Your voice swims amidst the raging flood waters to let everyone know that it will be ok. Today, we ask you to speak to us so that we can hear you. Speak for us so that it is never a question of who sent us. And speak through us so that your children might be saved. It's in your darling son Jesus' name, we pray...AMEN.

Written by Curry F. Butler umcdiscipleship.org

Children invited to stay with families or to go to Sunday School at this time

SCRIPTURE — Psalm 29:1-4, 10-11, p. 394

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" — Arr. Eddie Lewis
Amanda Alafi & Alex Alafi, trumpet

SHARING STORIES OF GOD AT WORK THROUGH CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS

**Congregation invited to stand if able*

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

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, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

MENTOR IN MINISTRY

SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Jesus Paid It All" — Arr. Eddie Lewis

***DOXOLOGY #94**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN OF CENTERING** "It's Me, It's Me, O Lord" — UMH 352

SCRIPTURES — Job 37:14-24, p. 380

MESSAGE "Out of the Box: God as the Mystery"
Rev. Tammy Palermo

***HYMN OF MISSION** "It Is Well with My Soul" — UMH 377

Hymn History: The words to his hymn were written by Horatio Stafford. Born in Troy, New York, in 1828, Stafford became a prominent lawyer in Chicago as well as a Presbyterian elder. He had many real estate holdings, which were destroyed by the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. Two years later, he scheduled a European trip for himself, his wife Anna, and their four daughters. Stafford could not travel due to work, but his family went on the trip. The ship collided with another ship and sank. Anna survived, but the four daughters drowned. Sailing to Britain to reunite with his wife, he wrote this hymn as he passed over the site where his daughters died. The Staffords had three more children and moved to Jerusalem to establish the American Colony, which provided aid to people regardless of their religious background. He died in 1888 and is buried in Jerusalem.

***BENEDICTION**

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Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen. Amen. Amen.

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POSTLUDE "Toccata in C" J. S. Bach

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