

The liturgical color is green, signifying life and growth in the Christian Church, it is the twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 18:5

SSERVING & GIVING EMPHASIS

OFFERTORY

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"
arr. Larry Shackley

PRELUDE

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" and "O Waly, Waly"
McKinley Glasser, cello; Karen Nemelka, flute; Amy Bender, piano
arr. Catherine McMichael

WELCOME

Rev. Steve Stultz Costello

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God is the True Vine,
And we are the branches.
Connected to God.
Connected to bear fruit!
Connected to God.
Or we wither away.
Connected to God.
Or useless!
We come to worship God, who is the True Vine.
God, teach us how to remain connected so that we might bear good fruit!

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

O God, you are our Firm Foundation! We come with thanksgiving and praise in our heart. We come with an open spirit, ready to receive. We anticipate your presence in this worship. Don't lose patience with us, but rather allow us to grow. Meet us, O God, where we are, and by your mercy, meet our lack. Scatter your blessings, on even us, for we delight in bearing fruit. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

"How Firm a Foundation" UMH #529

Children are invited to meet in the Narthex to go to Sunday School

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC "Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God"
Larry Fram & Karen Nemelka, duet
Setting by Lloyd Larson

**Congregation invited to stand if able*

*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

SHARING STORIES OF GOD AT WORK THROUGHCELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

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.

*HYMN

"Abide with Me" UMH #700
Hymn History: The words to his hymn were written by the Scottish Anglican Cleric Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847.) It was first performed at the lyricist's own funeral in 1847. While Lyte composed music to the hymn, it is usually sung to the melody, EVENTIDE, by William Henry Monk (1823-1889.) The hymn is based on part of Luke 24:29 Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over (NRSV.) The request is for the Lord to remain with us through the trials of life and even death. The hymn is often sung at funerals and commemorations. It was performed at the funeral of George V of Great Britain (1936). It was also performed at the opening of the 2012 Summer Olympics in London. Since 1927, it has been played before the English Football Association (FA) Cup Final.

SCRIPTURE John 15: 1-2, 4-8

MESSAGE I Am / We Are: The True Vine

Rev. Dr. Ivy Smith

*HYMN

"How Can We Name a Love" UMH #111

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION SUNG RESPONSE "Go Now In Peace"**

**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

"Hope Eternal"
Edward Broughton



Altar Flowers are presented by Linda Brown & Family
In Loving Memory of Leslie C. Stuckert,
father, grandfather, great grandfather

**Through Labor Day,
there is one Modern Service at 9 AM
& one Traditional Service at 11 AM
both livestreamed**

**Check out the Weekly Update to read a
thank you note from Carol Haines!
Weekly Updates are available at the back of
the Sanctuary and in the Information Hub**



MENTOR

United Methodist Church



*August 20, 2023
Traditional Worship*