

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

Prelude "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Walther
Amy Bender, organ

Welcome Rev. Dr. Ivy Smith

***Call to Worship**

In the beginning God created the Heavens and the Earth. The earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep.

And the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters

In the beginning God said: "let there be light," and there was light.

And God saw that the light was good and God separated the light from the darkness.

In the beginning was life, and that life was the light of the world

And the darkness cannot overcome the light

The true light that gives light to everyone has come into the world

Jesus said, I Am the light of the world

Let us worship and embrace the light that is the true light that enlightens everyone!

(Adapted from Jacob Traeger)

***Opening Prayer**

Light of the World, whose name is Jesus, you are the Christ who was in the beginning.

You are the Spirit who moves among us. You are the breath that gives us life. You are our strength and our redeemer. You are here and we come to worship you. Make us ready with open hearts to receive you anew. Send us out more ready to let your light shine. Amen

***Opening Hymn** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" UMH #103

Hymn History: The words to this hymn were written by Walter Chalmers Smith. He was born in Aberdeen, Scotland in 1824. Smith was a hymnist, poet, author and minister in the Free Church of Scotland. Smith served churches in Edinburgh and Glasgow. This hymn was based on 1 Timothy 1:17 - Now to the King, eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever, Amen (NIV). Smith attempts to put into words the ineffability (indescribability) of God, whom the Hebrews called the I Am. It is put to the music of the Welsh melody, ST. DENIO. Smith died in Kinbuck, Scotland in 1898.

**Congregation invited to stand if able*

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

Worship Through Music "I Believe"
Mark A. Miller
Laurie Babcock, Karen Nemelka, Karen Pribula

John 9:1-7

Serving & Giving Emphasis

Offertory "Total Praise"
arr. Doreen Rao

***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 through celebrations and concerns

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.

Centering Hymn "You Are Mine" TFWS 2218

Scripture John 8:12, John 1:1-9

Message I Am / We Are: I Am the Light of the World Rev. Steve Stultz Costello

***Hymn of Mission** "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" UMH #206

***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 "Sing to the Lord a New and Glorious Song " Smith

Altar Flowers are presented by Kay Feiten
In Honor of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Bruce & Kay Feiten

Pulpit Flowers are presented by Tara Kim Hurley
In Memory of Husband John Hurley and
In Celebration of our 47th Wedding Anniversary, July 30th.

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



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*July 30, 2023
Traditional Worship*