

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

Prelude "Voluntary in G" Walond
Amy Bender, organ

Liturgist Ben Chiappone

Call to Worship

Lord, just as you have welcomed us when we were strangers with no home,
Just as you have taken us in when others said, "No,"
We seek to welcome those who have come to worship and praise your holy name.
We welcome you this morning in this place to be present with us.
Let us worship God as we pray...

Opening Prayer

Lord, as we walked through the doors to this place of worship, we brought our cares and concerns, our joys and our sorrows. Touch our hearts and heal us, Lord. Make us ready to become your faithful disciples as we remember that welcoming others, we are also welcoming you.

***Hymn #432** "Jesu, Jesu"

Hymn History: The words to this hymn were written by Tom Colvin. Born in Glasgow, Scotland in 1925, Colvin was trained as an engineer. After serving in the National Military service in Burma and Singapore, he returned to Scotland and was ordained as a minister in the Church of Scotland (Presbyterian). A firm believer in the ecumenical movement, Colvin was a member of the Iona Ecumenical Community for fifty years. Colvin went to Africa to serve in community development in Ghana, Zimbabwe, and Malawi. In Malawi, he aided refugees fleeing the Mozambique Civil War in the 1970s. Colvin encouraged the churches in Africa to use their own musical heritage in their Christian services. This hymn is based on a Ghanaian folk song. Rev. Colvin died in Edinburgh, Scotland in 2000.

Confession

Merciful God, we confess that, though we claim to love you, our lives do not always reflect that love. We offer hospitality out of obligation instead of love, out of care for our own well-being instead of that of others. We hesitate to welcome others out of fear of rejection instead of extending compassion as the fruit of your love for us. In our relationships at work, home, and even church, too often we choose expediency instead of integrity, believing the ends justify the means. Help us, we pray. Free us to live as your children who welcome, nurture, and love our neighbors as we learn to grow as disciples of Christ. Amen.

**Congregation invited to stand if able*

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

Worship Through Music

"Down to the River to Pray" with "Lord, Listen to Your Children"
Traditional Spiritual/arr. Mary McDonald
Larry Fram, soloist

Mission Moment Karen Martin

Serving & Giving Emphasis

Offertory "Shepherd Me, O God"
Marty Haugen/arr. Mark Hayes

***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

Mighty God, you have poured down on us all gifts and blessings; the ledger of our lives is so overwhelmed with your goodness that we struggle with how small our offerings to you seem in comparison. The gospel reminds us that not even the smallest act of mercy and compassion - a cup of cold water - will go unnoticed by you. Give us the eyes to see those in need, the ears to hear those who cry for justice, and the hearts to comfort those hurting and grieving. If we all were to offer a cup of cold water, the world would be flooded with compassion. We ask this in Christ, our rock, and our redeemer. Amen

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

United Methodist Church



July 9, 2023
Traditional Worship

***Hymn #415** "Take Up Thy Cross"
Scripture Matthew 10:40-42
Message Rev. Kathy Dickriede

***Hymn #192** "There's a Spirit in the Air"

***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 "Toccata in F" Buxtehude

Altar Flowers are presented by Judy Garris
In Loving Memory of Carol Haycox Stoval

Rose on the Altar is presented by Kitty Schirm
In celebration of the birth on June 16, 2023 of
Isabelle Linda Zelenkofske
Daughter of Catherine Schirm Zelenkofske & Mike Zelenkofske,
Granddaughter of Kitty Schirm

Rose on the Altar is presented by Andrew & Sarah Ring
In celebration of the birth on July 4, 2023 of
Aiden Murphey Ring
Son of Andrew and Sarah Ring,
Grandson of Rod and Carole Ring.

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