

# Order of Worship for the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 19, 2021, 8:30 am

You are invited to speak the words in **bold**. + Please stand as you are able.

## Musicians

Chris Garofalo, Director of Music Ministry, Piano • Minji Will, Cantor

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### Prelude

*Lotus Land*

by Cyril Scott

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### Welcome

with Pastor Jeremiah

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### + Call to Worship

with Pastor Hannah

Who is wise and understanding among us?

***Those who seek wisdom and understanding each  
and every day. Those who delight in God and  
meditate on God's law.***

Come, learn more about the wisdom from above, a  
wisdom that yields a harvest of righteousness.

***O God, your wisdom is more precious than jewels!  
We draw near to you.***

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### + Opening Hymn

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

UMH 158

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### Verse 1

Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!  
Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!  
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;  
praise is his gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

### Verse 2

Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!  
Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!  
He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend;  
his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

### Verse 3

Praise yet the Lord again: Alleluia! Amen!  
Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!  
On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore,  
singing forever more: Alleluia! Amen!

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## Opening Prayer

with Pastor Jeremiah

We draw near to you, O God, source of all understanding, and ask you to draw near to us. Teach us your wisdom from above, that we may bear good fruit in our lives. Root us beside the streams of your wisdom, that the green leaves of our goodness, fed by your insight, may not wither. Amen.

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## + Passing of the Peace

with Pastor Jeremiah

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## Song

*Where Children Belong*

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This, this is where children belong,  
welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.  
Water, God's Word,  
bread and cup, prayer, and song:  
this is where children belong.

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## Time for Young Disciples

*Presentation of Bibles to Third Graders*

with Beth Hagemeyer

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## Scripture

*Mark 9:33-37*

with Dave Hollander

<sup>33</sup> Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" <sup>34</sup> But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup> He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." <sup>36</sup> Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup> "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

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## Sermon

*The Upside Down Kin(g)dom*

with Pastor Hannah

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## + Hymn of Response

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

UMH 526

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## Verse 1

What a friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and grief to bear!

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What a privilege to carry  
everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit,  
o what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry  
everything to God in prayer.

## Verse 2

Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged;  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness;  
take it to the Lord in prayer

## Verse 3

Are we weak and heavy laden,  
cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge;  
take it to the Lord in prayer  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In his arms he'll take and shield thee;  
thou wilt find a solace there.

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## Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

with Pastor Jeremiah

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

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## Offering Invitation

with Pastor Jeremiah

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## Offertory

*Appalachian Sunrise*

by Joseph M Martin

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## + Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH 94

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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!

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Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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**Announcements**  
with Pastor Hannah

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**+ Hymn of Sending Forth**  
*All Things Bright and Beautiful*  
UMH 147, verses 1, 2, & 4  
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## **Refrain**

All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful:  
the Lord God made them all.

## **Verse 1**

Each little flower that opens,  
each little bird that sings,  
God made their glowing colors,  
and made their tiny wings.

## **Refrain**

## **Verse 2**

The purple-headed mountains,  
the river running by,  
the sunset and the morning

that brightens up the sky.

## **Refrain**

## **Verse 4**

God gave us eyes to see them,  
and lips that we might tell  
how great is God Almighty,  
who has made all things well.

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**+ Benediction**  
with Pastor Hannah

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## **Postlude**

*Meditation on a Folk Song (O Waly, Waly)*

arranged by Joseph M Martin

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