

Order of Worship for the Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

October 17, 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, Organ & Piano • Minji Will, Cantor

Prelude

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

by William M. Runyan

arranged Douglas Wagner

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Welcome

with Pastor Jeremiah

+ Call to Worship

with Pastor Hannah

We are gathered here to celebrate the great promise!

Our hearts are ready to receive this good news.

Jesus asked all of his friends to live lives
reflecting the love of God.

We are numbered among these friends!

Open your hearts today.

Hear God's special word just for you!

**Lord, help us to be ready to receive your word
and to live in your love. Amen.**

+ Opening Hymn

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

United Methodist Hymnal #158

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 for evermore: Alleluia! Amen!

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Opening Prayer

with Pastor Hannah

Gracious Lord, this morning we come to you with so many things on our hearts. Keep our hearts and our minds open to your words of healing and of hope. Give us a spirit of courage for all the times ahead. We ask your blessing on all those this day who are afflicted with illness and debilitating diseases, for those who mourn, for those who feel lost and alienated from family and from friends. Be with these dear people. Help them to feel your comforting and restoring presence. Give to us also, Lord, a spirit of peace and joy that we might show your love through our attitudes and actions. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

+ Passing of the Peace

with Pastor Hannah

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.

Time for Young Disciples

with Beth Hagemeyer

Scripture

with Donna Pries

1 Peter 4:10-11

4:10 Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. ¹¹ Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

Romans 12: 10-13

^{12:10} love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

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Sermon

Faithful Stewards of God's Grace

with Pastor Jeremiah

Hymn of Response

Take My Life, and Let It Be

United Methodist Hymnal #399

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Verse 1

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee

Take my moments and my days;

let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.

Take my feet and let them be, swift and beautiful for thee.

Verse 2

Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King.

Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.

Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.

Verse 3

Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store.

Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

with Pastor Hannah

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.

Offering Invitation

with Pastor Hannah

Offertory

Ave Maria

by J. S. Bach and C. Gounod

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+ Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

United Methodist Hymnal #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!

Announcements
with Pastor Jeremiah

**Commissioning of CROP Walkers:
Shared Blessing**
with Pastor Jeremiah

We support and give thanks for all who are walking today in our Naperville CROP Hunger Walk. You represent all of us as you walk to share our blessings with brothers and sisters in need around the world.

We have been blessed.

God has given to each of us many gifts, blessings and talents – none earned, none deserved. That is why in faith we acknowledge that all that we have, all that we are, all that we shall ever be, is a gift from God – a gift of which we are but stewards.

We will strive to be good stewards of the gifts we have received.

When I can say: "I have a home,"

We say: "Let us walk so that all may have safe shelter."

When I can say: "I have food,"

We say: "Let us walk so that none in our world will go hungry."

When I can say: "I have plenty to drink,"

We say: "Let us walk so that none shall thirst."

When I can say: "I have employment and a livelihood,"
We say: "Let us walk so that others might be able to provide for themselves and their families."

When I can say: "I have gone to school and now teach others,"

We say: "Let us walk so that schools might be available to children everywhere."

We love the Lord our God...

with all our heart, soul, mind and strength and our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

+ Hymn of Sending Forth

Here I Am, Lord

United Methodist Hymnal #593

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Verse 1

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

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Chorus

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

Verse 2

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

Chorus

Verse 3

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

Chorus

+ Benediction

with Pastor Jeremiah

Postlude

Toccata

by Douglas Wagner

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