

PENTECOST 16TH SUNDAY

09/20/2020

10:00 am

A special word of welcome to those visiting our church today. Please stand for acts of worship designated with an asterisk (*). Any who prefer may “rise up” in spirit only, if physically standing presents difficulties.

GATHERING
CHIMES CALLING US TO PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Praise Team

Welcome and Announcements: Pastor

(The prayer station in the back of the sanctuary is available for lighting a candle or leaving a prayer note any time before, during, or after worship).

*CALL TO WORSHIP: BLESSED ARE YOU... Leader and Congregation

L: Blessed are those who do not walk in the counsel of the wicked;

C: neither stand the way of sinners, nor sit in the seat of scoffers!

L: but their delight is in the law of the Lord;

C: and on God’s Word they meditate day and night!

L: Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God!

UNISON: Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons and daughters of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

(Psalms 1: 1-3; Matt.5: 8-12 ESV- paraphrased)

*UM Hymn/FWS # 2172

We Are Called

OPENING PRAYER: UNISON

Creator and Sustainer of the universe and all therein, we thank you for your mercy and loving kindness that endure from generations to another. Gracious God, we acknowledge with gratitude that, through your Son Jesus Christ, you have forgiven us the sins that once shattered our relationships with you, with the Holy Spirit and with one another. Merciful God, open our hearts and minds to fully commit our lives to living each day as though tomorrow is the day of your Son Jesus Christ’s return as promised. Holy Spirit, may our faith and works not be in vain! Let your presence increase in us while we decrease as we try to live our lives in ways that truly bear witness to the love and care of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen!

GOD’S WORD IN SCRIPTURE

New Testament:

Revelation 20: 11-15

SPECIAL MUSIC:

“Mighty God”

Trevor McDonald

(MAY TAKE YOUR OFFERING/TITHES TO NEAREST PLATES)

Gospel:

Luke 10: 17-21 (ESV)

WITNESSING TO THE WORD

THEME: THE DIVINE ROLLBOOK- ARE YOU SIGNED IN?

MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER - Pastor
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.

***UM Hymn # 413**

A Charge to Keep I Have (Vs. 1-2,4)

***SENDING FORTH IN GOD'S LOVE AND CARE: Pastor**

***POSTLUDE:**
Organist

Nancy Cook,

Thank you for being a part of today's worship experience.
Rest assured God loves you, and so do we!

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