

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
10 a.m. October 18, 2020

** indicates stand if you are able*

GREETINGS

One: The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: The risen Christ is with us.

All: Praise the Lord!

WELCOME ALL CHILDREN OF GOD AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN *“Our God is an Awesome God”* TFWS #2040

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

One: The goodness of the Lord passes before us;

All: The name of the Holy One is proclaimed for all to hear.

One: God is gracious and merciful to whomever God chooses;

All: Show us your glory, O Lord!

One: And together let us pray ...

All: Awesome God, open our eyes to see your glory all around us. Open our ears to hear your call. Open our hearts to accept your grace and let it work every day in our lives. Help us embody your glory and presence, becoming vessels of grace – bringing love, mercy and justice to your world. Amen.

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES Nancy Mattson

*HYMN *“Jesus Loves Me”* UMH #191

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

SCRIPTURES Exodus 33:12-23
Psalm 99

SERMON *“You’ve Got A Friend”* Debbie Holland

*HYMN *“What A Friend We Have In Jesus”* UMH #526

JOYS AND CONCERNS

INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sins before God and one another. *(From UMH page 7)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God forgive us for failing to answer your call, for doubting that we have the abilities needed to carry out your will. Just like Moses, we sometimes think the tasks before us are impossible. We lack the faith needed to live as your people. We have forgotten to carry our trials and temptations to you in prayer. Help us to trust that, as a loving friend, you will walk with us every step of the way and you will provide the support we need.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Over and over, the Bible reminds us that God desires to have a relationship with us. God is a merciful, loving, and forgiving friend. We live as forgiven people.

ALL: Thanks be to God. Amen.

THE INVITATION TO GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS (in unison)
God of Power and Glory, we come to your altar this morning, offering our gifts and praying for your presence in a world that is hurting and divided – a world that desperately needs to glimpse your presence and your glory. More than just our gifts of money, we pray our lives might be a window into your love and compassion. We pray for a closer relationship with you so that your light might shine through us to the world. Amen.

WEEKLY OFFERING

The Offering plates will be placed by the entrance to the sanctuary and altar for your use upon entering or leaving worship.

*DOXOLOGY *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”* UMH #95

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Accept our sacrifices of thanksgiving and joy, O Lord, as we remember and proclaim, we are your beloved friends whom you have called by name!

*CLOSING HYMN *“Here I Am, Lord”* UMH #593

***BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH**

One: Our Awesome God knows us intimately.

All: When God calls our names, we will answer, “Here I am, Lord!”

One: Our Awesome God walks with us today and every day.

All: As partners with God, we go to tell of God’s glory.

One: As friends of Christ, go with the blessing of God.

All: We go to give ourselves for others in love.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Be safe and well. Until we meet again, we pray for the peace and love of Jesus Christ.

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OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED

NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS

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