

*Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.
Psalm 119:105*



*August 21, 2022, 10:30 a.m.
11th Sunday after Pentecost*

Order of Worship

(*Please rise in body or in spirit.)

PRELUDE “Meditation Religieuse” (Bartlett) Henry Repp

GREETING Rev. Todd Lattig

*CALL TO WORSHIP Kathleen Meredith

Come in from busy, summertime days to this place of worship.

We come to connect with God’s word.

Come in from the stress of everyday life into the light of knowledge.

We come as seekers of truth.

Come into worship with offerings of praise.

We come to hear the word and respond!

*OPENING HYMN “Down to the River to Pray” W&S 3164

*OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, gather us into this moment of reverence, celebration, and growth. As your sons and daughters, we long for renewed faith and meaning in our lives. Christ’s Parable of the Sower lights our path, with its images of rocky ground, tangled thorns, and green shoots. May the light of your word illuminate our way and become the joy of our hearts! Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM “Ye Servants of God” (Coleman) Chancel Choir

COMMUNITY PRAYER Rev. Lattig

CHORAL RESPONSE TO PRAYER Chancel Choir

KIDS ROCK CHILDREN’S SERMON Rev. Lattig

SCRIPTURE READING Kathleen Meredith

Psalm 119:105-112 (NLT)

¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lamp to guide my feet
and a light for my path.

¹⁰⁶ I’ve promised it once, and I’ll promise it again:
I will obey your righteous regulations.

¹⁰⁷ I have suffered much, O LORD;
restore my life again as you promised.

¹⁰⁸ LORD, accept my offering of praise,
and teach me your regulations.

- ¹⁰⁹ My life constantly hangs in the balance,
but I will not stop obeying your instructions.
- ¹¹⁰ The wicked have set their traps for me,
but I will not turn from your commandments.
- ¹¹¹ Your laws are my treasure;
they are my heart's delight.
- ¹¹² I am determined to keep your decrees
to the very end.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God for this Word.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Melinda McCoy-Miller, flute

SERMON

THE MATRIX: "The Oracle"

Rev. Lattig

OFFERTORY

"Prayer" (René Vierne)

Henry Repp

You may leave your offering in the plate in the narthex or scan one of the QR codes on the back of this bulletin to make your offering electronically.

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Kathleen Meredith

Just as your word is a light to our path, Holy One, may our offering of praise be a light to the world. In this season of fruitful gardens, help us share bountiful harvests of our own making. Whether our offering be of our time, wealth, or prayer, receive and multiply our gifts through the glory of your love. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

"Thy Word is a Lamp"

UMH 601

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Lattig

POSTLUDE

"Trumpet Tune" (Stanley)

Henry Repp



Today's Worship Leaders

Pastor
Liturgist
Organist/Music Director
Greeter
Camera Operator
Soundboard Operator

Rev. Todd Lattig
Kathleen Meredith
Henry Repp
Fred Fox
Jen Phlegar
Jay Morrison

Newsletter Items!

News items, advertisements, words of appreciation to share? We are still accepting submissions for our September Newsletter. E-mail the church office (newtonumc07860@gmail.com) no later than August 24, 2022.

Church Leadership!

Don't forget all yearly reports for the Conference are due by September 19! Don't hesitate to ask for help EARLY if you need it.

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