



*August 28, 2022, 10:30 a.m.
12th Sunday after Pentecost*

Order of Worship

(*Please rise in body or in spirit.)

PRELUDE “Benedictus” (Rowley) Henry Repp

GREETING Rev. Todd Lattig

*CALL TO WORSHIP Kathleen Meredith

As the sun rises in the morning,
let all creation worship God.
From the highest mountains to the deepest seas,
**let all creation proclaim to the Lord,
for God alone is worthy to be praised.**
God alone makes all things new.
All praise, glory, and honor be yours, forever.

*OPENING HYMN “Come, We That Love the Lord” UMH 732

*OPENING PRAYER

Gracious and loving God, you meet us where we are. We gather together from many walks of life, but we are unified as one heart in the body of Christ. In our time of worship, open our ears to hear your voice; open our eyes to see your glory; open our minds to receive your word; open our hearts to perceive your presence. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM Chancel Choir
“Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven” (Andrews)

COMMUNITY PRAYER Rev. Lattig

CHORAL RESPONSE TO PRAYER Chancel Choir

KIDS ROCK CHILDREN’S SERMON Rev. Lattig

SCRIPTURE READING Kathleen Meredith

Hebrews 12:18-27

¹⁸ You have not come to a physical mountain, to a place of flaming fire, darkness, gloom, and whirlwind, as the Israelites did at Mount Sinai. ¹⁹ For they heard an awesome trumpet blast and a voice so terrible that they begged God to stop speaking. ²⁰ They staggered back under God’s command: “If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned to death.” ²¹ Moses himself was so frightened at the sight that he said, “I am terrified and trembling.”

²² No, you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to countless thousands of angels in a joyful gathering. ²³ You have come to the assembly of God's firstborn children, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God himself, who is the judge over all things. You have come to the spirits of the righteous ones in heaven who have now been made perfect. ²⁴ You have come to Jesus, the one who mediates the new covenant between God and people, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks of forgiveness instead of crying out for vengeance like the blood of Abel.

²⁵ Be careful that you do not refuse to listen to the One who is speaking. For if the people of Israel did not escape when they refused to listen to Moses, the earthly messenger, we will certainly not escape if we reject the One who speaks to us from heaven! ²⁶ When God spoke from Mount Sinai his voice shook the earth, but now he makes another promise: "Once again I will shake not only the earth but the heavens also." ²⁷ This means that all of creation will be shaken and removed, so that only unshakable things will remain.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God for this Word.

SPECIAL MUSIC "Word of God, Speak" Kathleen Meredith

SERMON THE MATRIX: "Zion" Rev. Lattig

OFFERTORY "Offertory" (Guilmant) 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

Holy God, you have given us so much. Through your love and abundance, our cup overflows. From the bounty of your blessings, we offer these gifts back to you. Use these offerings for your glory, as we work to bring your kingdom here on earth. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN "Marching to Zion" UMH 733

*BENEDICTION Rev. Lattig

POSTLUDE "Toccata" (Elliott) Henry Repp

Today's Worship Leaders

Pastor
Liturgist
Organist/Music Director
Greeter
Camera Operator
Soundboard Operator

Rev. Todd Lattig
Kathleen Meredith
Henry Repp
Evelyn Cornwell
Jen Phlegar
Jay Morrison

Church Leadership!

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

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