



September 4, 2022, 10:30 a.m.
13th Sunday after Pentecost

Order of Worship

(*Please rise in body or in spirit.)

PRELUDE “Liturgical Improvisation No. 1” (Oldroyd) Henry Repp

GREETING Rev. Todd Lattig

*CALL TO WORSHIP Kathleen Meredith

The Holy One calls us to trust and pray.

**God is our light and salvation,
the stronghold of our lives.**

The Holy One calls us to take courage,
as we travel the path with Jesus.

**Teach us your ways, O God,
and lead us on our journeys.**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Behold the beauty of the Holy One,
and bless God’s holy name.**

*OPENING HYMN “O Come and Dwell in Me” UMH 388

*OPENING PRAYER

Teach us your ways, O God, and lead us on our journeys.

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Behold
the beauty of the Holy One, and bless God’s holy name,
guide us here today, and teach us your ways. Help us
remember the ancient stories, even as we place our trust in
you and exalt your name. Bless us as we follow the path that
leads us to the cross with Jesus. Amen.**

CHOIR ANTHEM “Grace” (Hamlin) Chancel Choir

COMMUNITY PRAYER Rev. Lattig

CHORAL RESPONSE TO PRAYER Chancel Choir

KIDS ROCK CHILDREN’S SERMON Rev. Lattig

SCRIPTURE READINGS Kathleen Meredith

Philippians 3:17-21

¹⁷ Dear brothers and sisters, pattern your lives after mine, and learn from those who follow our example. ¹⁸ For I have told you often before, and I say it again with tears in my eyes, that there are many whose conduct shows they are really enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ They are headed for destruction. Their god is their appetite, they brag about shameful things, and they think only about this life here on earth. ²⁰ But we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for him to return as our Savior. ²¹ He will take our weak mortal bodies and change them into glorious bodies like his own, using the same power with which he will bring everything under his control.

2 Corinthians 5:18-21

¹⁸ And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. ¹⁹ For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. ²⁰ So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!" ²¹ For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

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: "Agents" Rev. Lattig
HOLY COMMUNION	(see insert)
OFFERTORY	"Come, Labor On" (T. Tertius Noble) Chancel Choir
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 One, our light and our salvation, the stronghold of our lives, accept these gifts as a token of our commitment to walk in your ways. Amen.	
*CLOSING HYMN	"Freely, Freely" UMH 389
*BENEDICTION	Rev. Lattig
POSTLUDE	"Allegro from Concerto in G" (Bach) Henry Repp

*I can do ALL THINGS
through Christ
who STRENGTHENS me.*
—Phillippians 4:13



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

MOVIE SCREENING: THE MATRIX

**upon which Pastor Todd's sermon series
has been based during August and September.**

**Holland Hall
Sunday, September 11 at Noon**

**Popcorn and water will be provided
or bring your own snacks.**

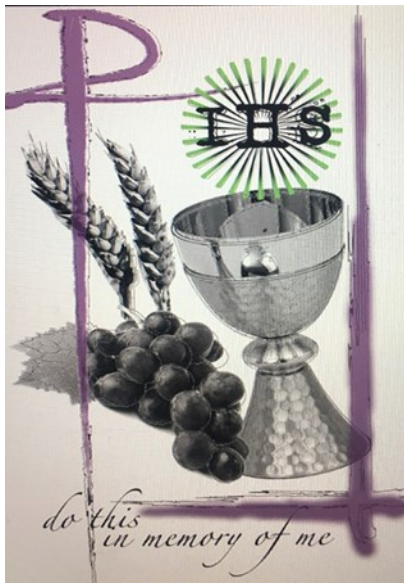
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Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin, and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin to God and one another.

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you
with our whole heart. We have failed to
be an obedient church. We have not
done your will; we have broken your
law; we have rebelled against your
love; we have not loved our neighbors;
and we have not heard the cry of the
needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for
joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.**

Hear the Good News: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy are you, O God, and blessed is your son Jesus Christ.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which our Lord gave himself up for us he took the bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: “Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: “Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in unison with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

