

*July 30, 2023, 10:30 a.m.*

*Ninth Sunday After Pentecost*

# Order of Worship

(\*Please rise in body or in spirit.)

PRELUDE		Christie Spriggs
GREETING		Rev. Todd Lattig
*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)		Kathleen Meredith
	Skeptics, new believers, and faithful alike;	
	<b>You are welcome in this place!</b>	
	Rich, poor, and all who are in between;	
	<b>You are welcome in this place!</b>	
	Workers, travelers, preachers, and doubters;	
	<b>Gather around for you are welcome in this place!</b>	
	<b>We are the church, so let us worship God!</b>	
*OPENING HYMN	“Seek Ye First”	UMH 405
*OPENING PRAYER (unison)		Kathleen Meredith
	<b>Gracious and most loving God, we pray that this would be a safe space for us to gather, pray, find encouragement, and hear your Word proclaimed. Be with us as we build community, build your church, baptize new believers, encourage the faithful, and strive to do your work in the world. Remind us again and again that we are enough, not because of what we have, but because of who you are. Empower us to offer radical hospitality that all may meet you in this place. We lift this up in the precious name of Jesus. Amen.</b>	
ANTHEM	“The Old Rugged Cross (I Am Free)”	Choir
COMMUNITY PRAYER		Rev. Lattig
CHORAL RESPONSE TO PRAYER		Chancel Choir
KIDS ROCK CHILDREN’S SERMON		Rev. Lattig
SCRIPTURE READING		Kathleen Meredith

Acts 16:13-15, 40

<sup>13</sup> On the Sabbath we went a little way outside the city to a riverbank, where we thought people would be meeting for prayer, and we sat down to speak with some women who had gathered there. <sup>14</sup> One of them was Lydia from Thyatira, a merchant of expensive purple cloth, who

worshiped God. As she listened to us, the Lord opened her heart, and she accepted what Paul was saying. <sup>15</sup> She and her household were baptized, and she asked us to be her guests. “If you agree that I am a true believer in the Lord,” she said, “come and stay at my home.” And she urged us until we agreed.

<sup>40</sup> When Paul and Silas left the prison, they returned to the home of Lydia. There they met with the believers and encouraged them once more. Then they left town.

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

SERMON

Heroes of the Faith: Lydia

Rev. Lattig

OFFERING

Christie Spriggs

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 (unison)

Kathleen Meredith

**Lord, we thank you for the gift of community and encouragement found in this place. We pray that through the gifts and the givers we might extend that love and hospitality beyond the walls of our church and into the neighborhood and around the world that all might experience your Good News. Even in a culture of scarcity, help us to see your abundance and provision this day and every day. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN “Take My Life, and Let It Be”

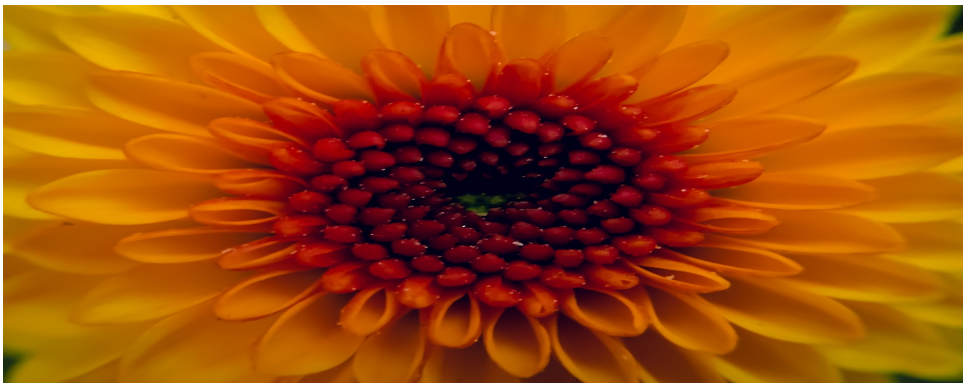
UMH 399

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Lattig

POSTLUDE

Christie Spriggs



## **This Week's Schedule**

<b>Monday, July 31</b>	<b>10 Chair Yoga (HH)</b>
	<b>6 Book Study (Zoom)</b>
<b>Wednesday, Aug 2</b>	<b>6 Potluck Supper (HH)</b>
<b>Saturday, Aug 5</b>	<b>9-2 Treasures of Hope</b>
<b>Sunday, Aug 6</b>	<b>9 Joy Fellowship (HH)</b>
	<b>10:30 Sanctuary Service</b>

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## **Today's Worship Leaders**

Pastor  
Liturgist  
Music Leader  
Greeter  
Camera Operator  
Soundboard Operator

Rev. Todd R. Lattig  
Kathleen Meredith  
Christie Spriggs  
Fred Fox  
Jen Phlegar  
Jay Morrison