



August 20, 2023, 10:30 a.m.
Twelfth 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

Every sense is bombarded daily with the sound of hurtful words and the touch of polluted air and water.

God's Spirit cleanses us with every breath we take as we breathe out our praise.

Every sense is bombarded daily with the taste of food that does not satisfy and the whiff of corruption.

God's Spirit cleanses us with every breath we take as we breathe out our praise.

Every sense is bombarded daily with sights that disturb and distract.

God's Spirit cleanses us with every breath we take as we breathe out our praise.

Let us praise our maker while we have breath.

*HYMN "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" UMH 155

*OPENING PRAYER (unison) Kathleen Meredith

Eternal God, part the veil that blinds us to our unity. When our families hurt and betray us, help us find ways to let go of our pain and work for the healing of all people. When we feel abandoned by those we love, help us trust in the power of forgiveness and seek to bring peace and reconciliation. When our hearts are pierced with anguish, help us reach out to those who can bring us solace and find in the search, grace upon grace, through your loving Spirit. Amen.

ANTHEM "My Eyes Have Seen Holy" Kathleen Meredith

COMMUNITY PRAYER Rev. Lattig

CHORAL RESPONSE TO PRAYER Chancel Choir

KIDS ROCK CHILDREN'S SERMON Rev. Lattig

SCRIPTURE READING

In Ga, a dialect of Ghana, West Africa

Fredrick Sackar

In English from New Living Translation

Kathleen Meredith

Romans 11:1-2, 29-32

¹ I ask, then, has God rejected his own people, the nation of Israel? Of course not! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham and a member of the tribe of Benjamin.

² No, God has not rejected his own people, whom he chose from the very beginning.

²⁹ For God's gifts and his call can never be withdrawn. ³⁰ Once, you Gentiles were rebels against God, but when the people of Israel rebelled against him, God was merciful to you instead. ³¹ Now they are the rebels, and God's mercy has come to you so that they, too, will share in God's mercy. ³² For God has imprisoned everyone in disobedience so he could have mercy on everyone.

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

SERMON

“Unbound Mercy”

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

Bountiful God, you are the source of all good things. When famine threatened the world, you blessed Joseph with dreams to preserve life and save people far and wide. When hunger threatens our world, you bless us with dreams to preserve life and prevent disaster. When our dreams are your dreams, Gracious God, the world is truly blessed. Accept these gifts, as a pledge to work and live your dream that all may live together in unity. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

“Depth of Mercy”

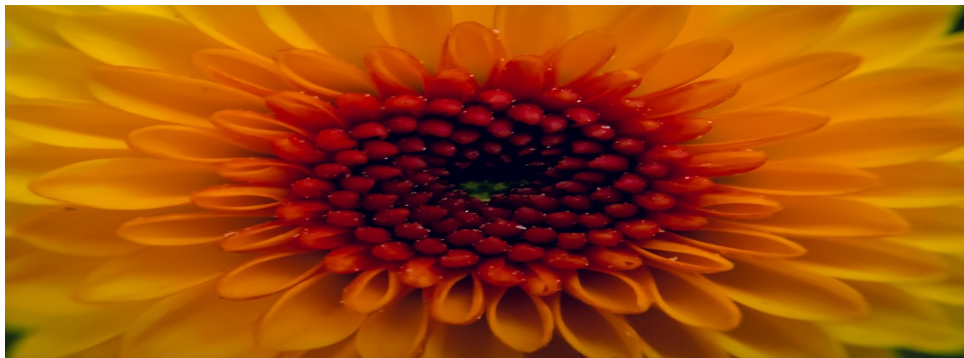
UMH 355

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Lattig

POSTLUDE

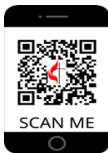
Christie Spriggs



This Week's Schedule

Monday, Aug 21	10 Chair Yoga (HH)
Tuesday, Aug 22	10-3 Life With Joy (HH)
	7 Ad Ccl/Trustees Mtg (Zoom) guest, Gina Yeske plus our normal meeting
Wednesday, Aug 23	10-3 Life With Joy (HH)
	6 Potluck Supper (HH)
Thursday, Aug 24	10-3 Life With Joy (HH)
Saturday, Aug 26	9-2 Treasures of Hope
Sunday, Aug 27	9 Joy Fellowship (HH) 10:30 Sanctuary Service

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Today's Worship Leaders

Pastor
Liturgists

Music Director
Greeter
Camera Operator
Soundboard Operator

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