



September 12, 2021 ♦ 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. ♦ Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

## Welcome to University United Methodist Church

*At University UMC*, we are all guests in God's house. Our mission is to live into radical kinship through loving God, serving others and building Christian community. We pray all will find encouragement and spiritual nourishment here as we praise God together this morning.



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## GATHERING

### Words of Welcome

#### Prelude

“Andante con moto”

Alexandre Guilmant

#### \*Call to Worship

*Responsively*

Come all who have gathered,  
to taste and see that **God is good**,  
to trust and hope in the Holy One:  
**the Holy Creator**,  
the Holy Redeemer,  
**the Holy Midwife in our midst.**

Because of you, O God, we are not consumed,  
**your compassions never fail.**

They are new every morning.  
**Great is your faithfulness.**

#### \*Hymn 89

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

#### \*Opening Prayer

*In Unison*

God of peace, the world is fractured and brittle around us. What we once assumed was permanent has become temporary. The temporary has stretched much longer than anticipated. We live with so many unknowns, so many challenging circumstances in the world. Bring peace to us. Not a peace that is passive, that numbs us to the pain of the world, but a peace that is the quiet assurance you are still at work in our world and in our lives. God of courage, we thank you for the witness of faithful people in scripture who sought to follow your call. Help us to be faithful to the call today as we peacefully resist evil, injustice, and oppression while being true to your ways. Give us courage and strength to live as your disciples. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

#### \*Gloria Patri

*Hymn 70*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen. Amen.

## PROCLAMATION

#### Prayer for Illumination

*In Unison*

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Old Testament Reading Exodus 1:8-21  
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Shiphrah and Puah" The Rev. Justin Coleman

## RESPONSE

### \*Affirmation of Faith

*In Unison*

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

### Prayers of the People

*Responsively*

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray . . .  
*The congregation responds to each petition, "Hear our prayer."*

### The Lord's Prayer

*In Unison*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**Generosity Moment:** *You may designate your offering via mobile phone by texting "UniversityUMC" to 833-245-5259 and choosing the General Fund or specific missions, or through [UniversityUMC.church](http://UniversityUMC.church).*

**Anthem (11:00 a.m.)** "O Jesus, I Have Promised" William H. Ferguson  
*Chancel Choir*

O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;  
Lord, be for ever near me, my master and my friend:  
I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.

O let me feel you near me: the world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;  
my foes are ever near me, around me and within;  
but, Jesus, draw me nearer, and shield my soul from sin.

Lord, let me see your footmarks and in them plant my own;  
that I may follow boldly and in your strength alone:  
O guide me, call me, draw me, uphold me to the end;  
and then in heaven receive me, my Savior and my friend.

## SENDING FORTH

### Invitation to Christian Discipleship

*If you wish to become a follower of Jesus Christ, a member of University United Methodist Church, or would like for someone to pray with you, we invite you to please come forward during the closing hymn and meet the clergy in front of the chancel rail.*

**\*Hymn 57**                    “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”  
**O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer’s praise,  
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!**

**My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.**

**Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;  
'tis music in the sinner’s ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**    “Trumpet Voluntary”    William Boyce

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

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## Ministerial Staff & Those Serving Today

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Generosity Moment .....	Molly Shivers

## Flowers

The Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Clara Freel by Shirley and Johnny Carson and their children.