



First United Methodist Church

Worship Guide for Sunday, October 25, 2020

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord said: "I am the Lord your God. I brought you out of Egypt. That is the land where you were slaves."

People: Do not covet.

Leader: Jesus said, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."

People: God gives food in due season and meets the deep desires of the heart.

Leader: Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.

People: God satisfies the longing heart and fills the hungry soul with good things.

INVOCATION

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Be Thou My Vision"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Loving God, we believe that You created us, and that You know the plans You have for us.

People: We confess that the plans we have for ourselves tend to be centered on what we want and the things we desire.

Leader: Show us the joy of focusing on heavenly treasure rather than earthly treasure.

People: In that light, teach us to covet food for the hungry; shelter for the homeless; safety for the oppressed; dignity for the marginalized; medical care for the suffering; and justice for all Your children.

Leader: And in that light, give us the desire to love each other as Jesus commanded.

People: Lord, have mercy on us and forgive our selfish ways. May we turn our eyes upon Jesus and look full in His wonderful face, so that the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace.

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: As we turn to God, God hears our cries and showers us with compassion and love. Be still and receive the good news of the Gospel:

**People: In Jesus Christ, the beloved Son of God, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.
AMEN**

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 6:25-34

MORNING PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Gary Ihfe

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

HYMN OF REFLECTION

"I'd Rather Have Jesus"

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 20:17

SERMON

"Do Not Covet"

Rev. Jodie Ihfe

HYMN OF COMMITMENT

"How He Loves"

BENEDICTION