



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WORSHIP GUIDE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2020

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude

Call to Worship

Lift up your eyes to the Lord, the exalted one,

Enthroned in the heavens.

Look to the Lord,

Who gives us special gifts to be nurtured and shared.

Enter into God's temple and draw near to hear God's voice.

Come, and worship the Lord,

The giver of all good things.

Invocation

Hymn of Praise

"How Firm a Foundation"

Confession

Lord of mercy and justice, You have given us so many talents and gifts to be used in Your world.

You have given us these gifts because You trust us to use them well— and You will be with us in all our work.

But we disappoint You when we denigrate the value of our talents, or become so fearful of failure that we don't believe that we are capable of helping in this world.

Lord, forgive us. Help us to trust in the gifts You have given to us and to trust in Your guidance as we use them.

Forgive us when we are fearful, stubborn, apathetic, or indifferent to the needs around us.

Give us hearts for serving You all our days.

Lord, have mercy on us.

You are loved and gifted by God. Do not fear to use these gifts, for God is with you.

Remember the good news: God loves us; God forgives us; and God is with you.

Thanks be to God! AMEN

Old Testament Lesson

Ezekiel 2:1-7

Morning Prayer

Rev. Gary Ihfe

Hymn of Reflection

"Be Not Afraid"

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 25:14-30

Sermon

"Facing Fear"

Rev. Jodie Ihfe

Hymn of Commitment

"I Will Follow"

Benediction

Postlude