



First United Methodist Church

Worship Guide for Sunday, August 23, 2020

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Shout to the Lord all the earth!

People: With songs in our hearts, we enter into God's presence!

Leader: Remember! The One who made us is the living God!

People: God calls us beloved children, and leads us like a shepherd!

Leader: Come to God with thanksgiving and praise, for the Lord is good.

People: God's steadfast love continues forever. God's faithfulness will never end.

INVOCATION

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: God of the covenant, long ago You gave us ways to live freely and fully in the light of Your presence: You shall have no other Gods before me.

People: You shall not make for yourself an idol.

Leader: You shall not wrongfully use the name of the Lord your God.

People: Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy.

Leader: Honor your father and mother.

People: You shall not murder.

Leader: You shall not commit adultery.

People: You shall not steal.

Leader: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

People: You shall not covet your neighbor's house; your neighbor's wife; or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Leader: But time and again we wander.

People: Even though You offer to heal our brokenness and draw us back to You, we reject Your gift of grace.

Leader: Forgive us, Lord.

People: Come to us again. Remove all that separates us from You. Fill us with Your love, so that we might live in peace and unity with our neighbors, and glorify Your holy name.

(silent reflection)

Leader: The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in love and faithfulness. Hear and remember the good news of the Gospel:

People: In Jesus Christ, God's Son, we are forgiven and made whole. Thanks be to God.
AMEN

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

MORNING PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Jodie 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

"How Firm a Foundation"

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 20:1-3

SERMON

"I Am the Lord"

Rev. Gary Ihfe

HYMN OF COMMITMENT

"Our God"

BENEDICTION