



# First United Methodist Church

## Worship Guide for Sunday, August 30, 2020

### Thirteenth 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 make statues of gods that look like anything in the sky, or on the earth, or in the waters.**

Leader: Do not bow down to them or worship them.

People: **Their images are shams. They are not alive.**

Leader: The Lord is the True God: the everlasting King.

People: **With great joy, we will worship the living God.**

#### INVOCATION

#### HYMN OF PRAISE

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Merciful God, we come before You this day keenly aware of the ways we fall short of Your vision for us and for our life together.

People: **In Your gracious presence, we confess our sin and the sin of the world.**

Leader: Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world.

People: **The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation.**

Leader: We abuse Your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and turn them into bonds of oppression.

People: **We pay homage to things we acquire and protect, forgetting that You are the source of all that is good, and perfect, and eternal.**

Leader: Lord, have mercy on us.

People: **Heal and forgive us, Lord. Set us free to serve You in the world as agents of Your reconciling love.**

*(silent reflection)*

Leader: Our righteousness is found in Christ alone, a gift of God by faith. Beloved people of God, believe the good news of the gospel:

People: **Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. AMEN**

#### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 10:1-16

#### 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

“What Shall I Render to My God”

#### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 20:4-6

#### SERMON

“No Idols”

Rev. Jodie Ihfe

#### HYMN OF COMMITMENT

“You Are God Alone”

#### BENEDICTION