



First United Methodist Church

Worship Guide for Sunday, September 6, 2020

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord said: I am the Lord your God. You were slaves in Egypt and I delivered you.

People: Do not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

Leader: The Lord will find guilty anyone who misuses His name.

People: We will honor the name of God, who is high above the heavens.

Leader: We will honor the name of Jesus, God's Son, who emptied Himself for our salvation.

People: Freed from bondage, we will worship the Lord our God in spirit and in truth.

INVOCATION

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Ye Servants of God"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Gracious God, Your name is holy, and we should use it with respect to bring all people into Your Kingdom.

People: We confess that there are times when we use Your name in unholy ways.

Leader: Forgive us when we use Your name in anger, rather than in acts of reconciliation.

People: Forgive us when we use Your name to curse, rather than to bless and heal.

Leader: Forgive us when we use Your name for personal gain, rather than for the benefit of those in need.

People: Forgive us when we use Your name to support our prejudice, rather than to show Your desire for unity and peace.

Leader: Holy God, we are a sinful people, desperately in need of Your grace.

People: In Your mercy, do not cast us away from Your presence. In repentance, we offer to You our mouths as instruments of Your power, mercy, and unlimited love.

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: We are grateful, Lord, that You are slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness. For that reason, we rest confidently in the good news of the Gospel:

People: In Jesus Christ, our sins are removed as far as the east is from the west, and we receive forgiveness. Thanks be to God! AMEN

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Philippians 2:5-11

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

"His Name is Wonderful"

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 20:7

SERMON

"The Lord's Name"

Rev. Jodie Ihfe

HYMN OF COMMITMENT

"What a Beautiful Name"

BENEDICTION