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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WORSHIP GUIDE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 2021

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prelude "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" Arr. Lloyd Larson

Call to worship

Leader: Give praise to God for the gift of our salvation.

People: The Lord has done great things for us and we are
filled with joy.

Leader: Feel the warmth of God's presence and grace.

People: We rejoice in the beauty of God's love that fills
our lives.

Leader: Listen for God's words of truth and life.

People: God will speak peace to all who open their hearts
to God's love.

Invocation

Hymn of Praise

"How Firm a Foundation"

Confession & Pardon

Leader: Creator God, we stand before You, believing in Your promise of unending love, but knowing we have caused You to grieve by our lack of faith.

People: We struggle with our past, thinking we have done things You can never forgive. We struggle with our fears, thinking we are all alone and no one cares.

Leader: We struggle inside, knowing the times we have walked away from being faithful disciples.

People: We harbor anger, distrust, and prejudice. We make choices that hurt ourselves and others. We fail to love our neighbor as ourselves.

Leader: Forgive us, Lord.

People: Please forgive us. We seek Your mercy. Show us the joy of salvation and teach us to walk with You in service, love, and peace.

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: Even though we wander away from God, God will never wander away from us. Place your trust in God's loving care and remember the good news of the Gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed to try again. Thanks be to God. AMEN

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 85

Morning Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Hymn of Reflection "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

Ministry Moment

Doxology

Old Testament Reading Genesis 32:22-32

Sermon "Man vs. God" Rev. Jodie Ihfe

Hymn of Commitment "You Never Let Go"

Benediction

Postlude "Fanfare In 'Marion'" Arr. Gilbert Martin

COVID-19 Response Update

The Church Reopening Team met this week in response to the recent significant increase in COVID-19 cases in our community. We understand that meeting in person is important to the members of our church. In order to do so safely, we are asking the following of anyone planning to attend any church activities in person over the next few weeks:

- We ask that anyone, regardless of vaccination status, wear a mask at all times during indoor activities.
- We ask that everyone please spread out in all gathering spaces to allow for proper social distancing between households.
- We will be pausing congregational singing temporarily.
- We ask that meals take place outside.

We strongly recommend these safety protocols because we have vulnerable populations that cannot be vaccinated and those who are already vaccinated can still be at risk for serious illness from this virus. This is especially true for people with certain underlying health conditions.

We expect these actions to be temporary and hope that COVID numbers will begin going down soon.