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Linda Kostreva  
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Mary Lewis  
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John Melendez & family  
Tom Palmer  
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Samantha Sams  
Mary Shomaker  
Nancy Stevenson  
Summer Strasser  
Phil Torbett  
Family Promise  
Brother's Keeper  
Haven of Mercy  
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## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### WORSHIP GUIDE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 2021

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Prelude** "All Creatures of our God and King" Arr. Don Hustad

#### Call to worship

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord our God,

**People: for the Lord is our God, and we are the Lord's  
people.**

Leader: As we wait upon the Lord, let us open our ears,

**People: that we might both hear and heed the word of the  
Lord.**

Leader: As we wait upon the Lord, let us open our eyes,

**People: that we might both see and perceive the goodness  
of the Lord.**

Leader: As we wait upon the Lord, let us open our hearts,

**People: that we might freshly encounter the grace and  
mercy of the Lord.**

#### Invocation

**Hymn of Praise** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" #400

## Confession & Pardon

Leader: Holy God, from the beginning of life, You have blessed us, and called us to be holy and blameless before You.

**People:** We confess that we tend to go our own way, and fail to live according to Your will and purpose.

Leader: In love, You redeem us, and call us to live in relationship with You.

**People:** We confess that we become entangled by the pressures of daily living and put our relationship with You on hold.

Leader: By grace, You have claimed us, and chosen us to live as Your children in the world.

**People:** We confess that our witness falters as we live in hope and plenty, while turning away from the pain, struggles, fears, and needs of those around us.

Leader: In short, we fail to live as we were created to live, and fail to honor You with our thoughts and actions.

**People:** Forgive us, God of Grace. Tune our hearts to Your wisdom and understanding. Restore us to a right relationship with You, and teach us to walk in Your way of love and service.

*(a time for personal reflection)*

Leader: The love of God is beyond all measure, and we are included in that love, so rejoice 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

New Testament Reading Ephesians 1:3-10

Morning Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Hymn of Reflection "Who You Say I Am"

Ministry Moment

Doxology

Old Testament Reading Genesis 25:21-28

Sermon "Brother vs. Brother" Rev. Jodie Ihfe

Hymn of Commitment "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service" #581

Benediction

Postlude "Celebration" Charles Callahan

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Joe Faber, who passed away on August 4.

## Mark Your Calendars...

- August 10: Church Council meeting in-person, 7:00
- August 11: Wednesday Niter resumes for children & youth
- August 29: 5th Sunday Breakfast
- September 15: Wednesday Niter resumes for adults
- October 27: Trunk or Treat