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Linda Kostreva
Robert Lee
James Lessly
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Barbara Marrs
David McElveen
Betty McGaha
John Melendez & family
Tom Palmer
JoAnne Paty
Bob & Athena Peebles
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Judy Rust
Samantha Sams
Mary Shomaker
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Phil Torbett
Barbara Treadway
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Family Promise
Brother's Keeper
Haven of Mercy
Kairos Ministry
Afghanistan
Haiti
Hurricane victims &
workers



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WORSHIP GUIDE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prelude "I Need Thee Every Hour" Arr. Joel Raney

Call to worship

Leader: God has called us out from the world to this time
of worship.

**People: We will seek God's face and listen for God's
voice.**

Leader: In faith, we bring to God our burdens, fears, and
uncertainties.

**People: In love, God strengthens us, protects us, and
guides us on our journey.**

Leader: Be still and rest in the assurance of God's tender
care.

**People: We will praise our God, who calls us by name and
stands with us forever.**

Invocation

Hymn of Praise "God is Calling Through the whisper"

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Merciful God, You speak to us in many ways: in rushing wind, in small voice, in scripture, and in grace.

People: Still, we allow the clamor of the world to break through and influence our thinking.

Leader: You ask for humility, but we are a proud people.

People: You ask for willingness, but we are a selfish people.

Leader: You ask for repentance, but we are a stubborn people.

People: You ask for service, but we are a busy people.

Leader: Forgive us, Lord, when we ignore Your voice and miss Your call to bring light and life to those around us.

People: Forgive us, transform us, and empower us to follow You this day and all our days.

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: God looks on us with mercy, welcomes us home, and offers us new life. My friends, hear and remember the good news of the Gospel:

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

Gospel Reading

Matthew 17:1-8

Morning Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Hymn of Reflection

"His Mercy is More"

Ministry Moment

Doxology

Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 19:1-13

Sermon

"Silence"

Rev. Gary Ihfe

Hymn of Commitment

"Worn"

Benediction

Postlude "God of Grace and God of Glory" Arr. Wilbur Held

Mission and Outreach Opportunities

- UMCOR Cleaning Kits and Hygiene Kits for victims of natural disasters: please leave all donations in the print room by [September 30](#)
- Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes: due by [November 14](#)