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Scott Huff  
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Betty McGaha  
Barbara McQuain & family  
John Melendez & family  
Ashley Moya & family  
Tom Palmer  
JoAnne Paty  
Bob & Athena Peebles  
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Judy Rust  
Mary Shomaker  
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Brother's Keeper  
Haven of Mercy  
Kairos Ministry  
Afghanistan  
Haiti  
Hurricane victims & workers  
Healthcare workers



## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### WORSHIP GUIDE

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2021**

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Prelude** Variations on "Restoration" Arr. John Carter

**Call to worship** From Psalm 32

Leader: The Lord is my hiding place.

**People:** The Lord preserves me in times of trouble and surrounds me with salvation.

Leader: Happy are those whose sins are forgiven.

**People:** Happy are those whose wrongdoings are pardoned.

Leader: Happy are those who the Lord does not consider guilty.

**People:** Happy are those whose spirit contains no dishonesty.

Leader: Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

**People:** Let all who are upright in heart rejoice in the Lord.

### Invocation

**Hymn of Praise** "Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)"

**New Testament Reading** 1 John 1:8-2:2

**Morning Prayer & Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn of Reflection** "His Mercy is More"

**Ministry Moment**

**Doxology**

**Old Testament Reading** 1 Kings 21

**Sermon** "Our Sin and God's Grace" Rev. Jodie Ihfe

## Prayer of Confession

Leader: There are times when what we want far exceeds what we need, and we go to great lengths to get what we desire.

**People: We confess our sins, O Lord.**

Leader: There are times when we use our power, position, and privilege to get our own way.

**People: We confess our sins, O Lord.**

Leader: There are times when we have used Your laws against someone for personal gain.

**People: We confess our sins, O Lord.**

Leader: There are times when we have used the excuse that we are “just following orders” to explain away our sin.

**People: We confess our sins, O Lord.**

Leader: There are times when we have given in to evil impulses and become a scoundrel.

**People: We confess our sins, O Lord.**

Leader: There are times when we have remained silent in the face of evil and injustice.

**People: We confess our sins, O Lord.**

Leader: There are times when we have gotten away with sin and evil and think we are invincible.

**People: We confess our sins, O Lord.**

Leader: There are times when we have tried to play God.

**People: We confess our sins, O Lord.**

Leader: There are times when we thought we weren't hurting anyone but were hurting God.

**People: We confess our sins, O Lord.**

Leader: There are times when we have tried to hide our sin from God.

**People: We confess our sins, O Lord.**

Leader: There are times when we have “sold ourselves” to get what we want.

**People: We confess our sins, O Lord.**

Leader: There are times when our actions have harmed those around us.

**People: We confess our sins, O Lord.  
We confess and repent.**

*(silent prayer of confession)*

Leader: If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. We have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.  
Glory to God. Amen**

**Hymn of Commitment**

“Grace Greater Than Our Sin”

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

“Foundation”

Arr. Edward Broughton

## Mission and Outreach Opportunities

- **UMCOR Cleaning Kits and Hygiene Kits** for victims of natural disasters: please leave all donations in the print room by [October 24 \(deadline extended\)](#)
- **Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes:** due by [November 14](#)