

7th Sunday of Easter – May 21, 2023 – 10:30am

Order of Worship

The Community Gathers

Lighting of Altar Candles

Prelude -

Angela Gricar, Accompanist

A Word of Greeting and Welcome/Centering Words ~

Rev. Allison Mark

Lifting his hands, Jesus blessed them.

Opening Hymn* - *“How Firm a Foundation” UMH 529*

Angela Gricar, Accompanist

Giving God Glory As We Come To Worship

Call to Worship (L: Leader P: People)-

Miki Hayashida

L: Let us gather in this space.

P: We gather from many places.

L: Let us center ourselves for worship.

P: We are one in the Spirit with joy in our hearts.

L: Let us receive God’s blessing.

P: God’s blessing is ours. We are God’s beloved! Amen!

Opening Prayer

Miki Hayashida

Breath of God, renew us in this time of worship. Help us set aside thoughts that trouble us. Help us pause the challenges of the world that taunt us. Pour your spirit within each one of us, that we may be re-spirited in this hour by your power and your grace. Amen.

Message for the Children (In Us All)

Rev. Allison Mark

The Word of God for the people of God

Congregational Hymn – *“When We Are Called to Sing Your Praise”* Angela Gricar, Accompanist
TFWS 2216

Scripture Lesson: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Miki Hayashida

¹²Dear friends, don’t be surprised about the fiery trials that have come among you to test you. These are not strange happenings. ¹³Instead, rejoice as you share Christ’s suffering. You share his

suffering now so that you may also have overwhelming joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are mocked because of Christ's name, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory—indeed, the Spirit of God—rests on you.

⁶Therefore, humble yourselves under God's power so that he may raise you up in the last day. ⁷Throw all your anxiety onto him, because he cares about you. ⁸Be clearheaded. Keep alert. Your accuser, the devil, is on the prowl like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, standing firm in the faith. Do so in the knowledge that your fellow believers are enduring the same suffering throughout the world. ¹⁰After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, the one who called you into his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, will himself restore, empower, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be power forever and always. Amen.

L: The Word of God for all people

P: Thanks be to God

Special Music – *“My Jesus, I Love Thee”*

Crossroads

Sermon: ~ *“Casting Your Cares”*

Rev. Allison Mark

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Rev. Allison Mark

We Respond to God's grace

Offering Our Gifts ~

Rev. Allison Mark

Doxology*

Angela Gricar, Accompanist

***Offertory – Prayer of Dedication**

Miki Hayashida

Endless source of life, pour your blessing upon the gifts we bring before you. Bless our giving in your abundance for the restoration of all people. Through our offering, may those who are weary be energized; may those who feel forgotten find a home. With the joy of your grace filling our hearts, we pray. Amen.

Going Forth in God's Holy Name

Faith In Action – The Ministry of Faith UMC –

Rev. Allison Mark

Closing Hymn* ~ *“Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending” UMH 718*

Angela Gricar, Accompanist

Commission and Blessings * -

Rev. Allison Mark

Passing of the Peace* - Postlude