

10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – July 28, 2024 – 10:30am

## **Order of Worship**

### **The Community Gathers**

Lighting of Altar Candles

Prelude -

A Word of Greeting and Welcome/Centering Words ~ Minister Ainise Isama'u

God, let the Word you have for us today fall upon our hearts and open us to your presence.

Opening Hymn\* - *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"* UMH 140Angela Gricar

### **Giving God Glory As We Come To Worship**

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

Darlene Azzam

L: Family of faith, this must be the place.

This is the place for connection and growth, for community and hope.

This must be the place for questions like, "Where are you from?" and, "What do you need?" For whispers of: "I've been thinking of you," and, "I've been meaning to ask. . ."

This must be the place, because all belong here. All are welcome here. All hurt and joy, needs and prayers, dreams and love, are welcome here.

So for our call to worship today, we are going to lean into invitation for connection.

I want to invite you to take two minutes to introduce yourself to someone around you and to share one thing

that has brought you deep joy this week so that we might begin our service with joy, gratitude, and connection.

God is near. Let us worship Holy God.

**Opening Prayer**

Darlene Azzam

Holy Spirit, meet us here. Find our spirits open and our hearts receptive to your word for us this day. With our songs and prayers, our witness and reflection, may we faithfully go where you call us to be. In the name of our brother, Christ, we pray. Amen.

Message for the Children (In Us All)

Minister Ainise Isama'u

## **The Word of God for the people of God**

Congregational Hymn – *“Shall We Gather at the River”* UMH 723      Angela Gricar

**Scripture Lesson:** 2 Timothy 4:9-18

Darlene Azzam

Do your best to come to me quickly. <sup>10</sup> Demas has fallen in love with the present world and has deserted me and has gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, and Titus has gone to Dalmatia. <sup>11</sup> Only Luke is with me. Get Mark, and bring him with you. He has been a big help to me in the ministry. <sup>12</sup> I sent Tychicus to Ephesus. <sup>13</sup> When you come, bring along the coat I left with Carpus in Troas. Also bring the scrolls and especially the parchments. <sup>14</sup> Alexander, the craftsman who works with metal, has really hurt me. The Lord will pay him back for what he has done. <sup>15</sup> But watch out for him, because he opposes our teaching.

<sup>16</sup> No one took my side at my first court hearing. Everyone deserted me. I hope that God doesn't hold it against them! <sup>17</sup> But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that the entire message would be preached through me and so all the nations could hear it. I was also rescued from the lion's mouth! <sup>18</sup> The Lord will rescue me from every evil action and will save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and always. Amen.

L: The Word of God for all people

**P: Thanks be to God**

Special Music - *“Abide with Me”*

Lynn Atkins, solo

Sermon: ~ *“I've Been Meaning to Ask...what do you need? Part 2”*      Rev. Allison Mark

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Rev. Allison Mark

## **We Respond to God's grace**

Offering Our Gifts ~

Minister Ainise Isama'u

Doxology\* *“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”* UMH 95

Angela Gricar

**\*Offertory – Prayer of Dedication**

Darlene Azzam

Merciful Lord, there is nowhere we can go – in the heavens above, or the earth and ocean below – to escape your loving care. Receive today the offering we make and bless our gifts that they may be a blessing. May this offering reflect our sincerest hope that all may be. Filled with your fullness. In the name of the one who calls us, we pray. Amen.

## **Going Forth in God's Holy Name**

Faith In Action – The Ministry of Faith UMC –

Minister Ainise Isama'u

Closing Hymn\* ~ *"How Great Thou Art" UMH 77*

Commission and Blessings \* -

Passing of the Peace\* - Postlude

Angela Gricar

Rev. Allison Mark