

22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – October 20, 2024 – 9:00am (Change the World Sunday)

## Order of Worship

### The Community Gathers

Lighting of Altar Candles

Prelude -

A Word of Greeting and Welcome/Centering Words ~

Minister Ainise Isama'u

The fullness of God's glory is manifest in the stars above and the earth below. Even though our lives are small and fleeting in the vastness of the universe, God's glory shines in and through us.

Opening Hymn\* - *"How Great Thou Art" UMH 77 (V. 1,2,4)*

Angela Gricar

### Giving God Glory As We Come To Worship

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

Will Morris

L: Come into God's presence.

**P: All are welcome here.**

L: Come into God's glory.

**P: God's glory is all around.**

L: As Christ came before us,

**P: we come to worship and to pray.**

L: As Christ turned to God,

**P: we bring our anguish and our tears.**

L: As Christ came to serve,

**P: we bring our humble hearts.**

L: Come into God's presence.

**P: All are welcome here.**

### **Opening Prayer**

Will Morris

Sing into our hearts, Creator God, as you sang your glory into creation. Speak to our minds with wisdom of old. Draw us into your presence, that we may remember who we are and whose we are. Amen.

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

**Scripture Lesson:** Genesis 1:26-28

Will Morris

**Creation and Stewardship:** <sup>26</sup> Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

<sup>27</sup> So God created mankind in his own image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup> God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

**Scripture Lesson:** Matthew 22:37-39

Will Morris

**The Greatest Commandments:** <sup>37</sup> Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ <sup>38</sup> This is the first and greatest commandment. <sup>39</sup> And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’

L: The Word of God for all people

**P: Thanks be to God**

Special Music – “*We Can Be the Change*” **Song Leaders:** Rev. Allison Mark, Minister Ainise Isama’u

& Ron Troester with Congregational Response

Call to Serve – “Change the World”

Rev. Allison Mark & Minister Ainise Isama’u

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**

Will Morris

Great and gracious God, as you have blessed our lives and all of creation, bless the gifts we now return to you. Bless our hands and our lives, that they may serve you and your creation. Continue creating life and hope through our offerings and our ministries. May your glory and your grace shine through everything we give, everything we say, and everything we do. In loving gratitude, we pray. Amen.

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

Closing Hymn\* ~ *"Majesty" UMH 176 (one verse)*

Angela Gricar

Commission and Blessings \* -

Rev. Allison Mark

Passing of the Peace\* - Postlude