

20th Sunday after Pentecost – October 4, 2026 – 10:30A  
World Communion Sunday  
Staff Appreciation Sunday

## **Order of Worship**

### **The Community Gathers**

#### **Lighting of Altar Candles**

#### **Prelude – Instrumental**

#### **A Word of Greeting/Centering Words**

[Minister 'Ainise 'Isama'u]

Centering Words:

We gather to learn about God. We gather to know Christ more deeply. We gather to remember and give thanks that we are part of the community faith--a community that reaches around the world.

#### **Opening Hymn – UMH #158 *Come Christians, Join to Sing* vs 1,3**

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

##### **Call to Worship (L: Leader, P: People)**

[Derek Murakami]

Leader: The heavens proclaim what God has done in our lives.

**People: Voices of praise shout to the ends of the earth.**

Leader: May we join the chorus, as we sing of God's great and abiding love!

#### **Opening Prayer**

[Derek Murakami]

Creating God, like the earth around us, we gather to proclaim your glory. We pray that you will revive our souls today. We pray that you will help us become a little bit wiser. We pray that our hearts will rejoice at the sound of your name. We pray that our eyes will be opened to your ways. We pray that we might live in peace and harmony with one another. And we pray that today, and every day, we will again choose to follow in the ways of Christ, so that our lives may become an example of your love and grace to the world. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

Clergy & Staff Appreciation

[Derek Murakami]

A Message to the Children (In Us All)

[Minister 'Ainise 'Isama'u]

#### **The Word of God for all People**

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 19

[Derek Murakami]

##### **For the music leader. A psalm of David.**

<sup>1</sup> Heaven is declaring God's glory; the sky is proclaiming his handiwork.

<sup>2</sup> One day gushes the news to the next, and one night informs another what needs to be known.

<sup>3</sup> Of course, there's no speech, no words— their voices can't be heard—

<sup>4</sup> but their sound<sup>[a]</sup> extends throughout the world; their words reach the ends of the earth. God has made a tent in heaven for the sun.

<sup>5</sup> The sun is like a groom coming out of his honeymoon suite; like a warrior, it thrills at running its course.

<sup>6</sup> It rises in one end of the sky; its circuit is complete at the other. Nothing escapes its heat.

<sup>7</sup> The LORD's Instruction is perfect, reviving one's very being.<sup>[b]</sup> The LORD's laws are faithful making naive people wise.

<sup>8</sup> The LORD's regulations are right, gladdening the heart.

The LORD's commands are pure, giving light to the eyes.

<sup>9</sup> Honoring the LORD is correct, lasting forever. The LORD's judgments are true. All of these are righteous!

<sup>10</sup> They are more desirable than gold—than tons of pure gold! They are sweeter than honey—even dripping off the honeycomb!

<sup>11</sup> No doubt about it: your servant is enlightened by them; there is great reward in keeping them.

<sup>12</sup> But can anyone know what they've accidentally done wrong? Clear me of any unknown sin

<sup>13</sup> and save your servant from willful sins. Don't let them rule me. Then I'll be completely blameless; I'll be innocent of great wrongdoing.

<sup>14</sup> Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be pleasing to you, LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

L: The word of God for all People.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon - "A Love that Speaks Every Language"

[Rev. Allison Mark]

Pastoral Prayer –

[Rev. Allison Mark]

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

Celebration of Holy Communion

[Clergy Team]

Communion Hymns - *Instrumental Ensemble*

Offering our Gifts –

[Minister 'Ainise Isama'u]

Offertory - Instrumental

Doxology – Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow, UMH#95

### **Prayer of Dedication**

[Derek Murakami]

Holy One, creator of all, we give you thanks for all you have entrusted to us. As good stewards, we now bring you these gifts and ask that you use them to help your children around the world.

As we bring our gifts, we also offer our lives, praying that you will use us to bear good fruit for all people. Amen.

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

Faith in Action – The Ministry of Faith UMC

[Rev. Allison Mark]

Closing Hymn - UMH #144 *This is My Father's World* vs 1,3

Commission and Blessings

[Rev. Allison Mark]

Passing of the Peace – Postlude