

August 7, 2022
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Order of Worship
10:00 a.m.

The Church Gathers

Joys & Concerns

In Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Prelude "Holy, Holy, Holy" *see announcements*

*Opening Hymn: "From All That Dwell Below the Skies" UMH101

*Call to Worship: (*responsive*)

L: The Lord calls us today to be people of justice and mercy.

P: Our worship is hollow if it focuses only on our own gratification.

L: The Lord asks that our words of hope become actions of peace.

P: Thanks be to God who challenges and calls us.

L: Let our ministry together bring peace and justice.

P: Let our lives reflect God's love and mercy. Amen.

Opening Prayer: (*unison*)

**Surprising God of mercy and love,
thank you for calling to us this day.**

**We praise you that you challenge us to show our faith
in ministries of peace and justice,
offering compassion to all in need.**

**Open our hearts and minds today
to hear your words of encouragement and challenge.
We offer this prayer in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Offering of Tithes & Gifts

Offertory

*Presentation & Response: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH95

Special Music

We Meditate on God's Word

First Scripture Reading: Mark 8:34-38

Sermon: "Bible 101 (1): Gospel of Mark" Pastor Steven Cho

Holy Communion

Prayer of Confession

Forgiving God,

**you know how easy it is
for us to celebrate with joy
the wonders of your love.**

We create wonderful art to represent the joy we feel.

Our music soars to the heavens in praise of you.

**Yet how often we have left our service to you
as mere thoughts and intentions without fulfillment.**

**You ask us to be ready to serve you at any time,
but we place our commitment on the "to do" list of life;
we will do these things when we get to them.**

Forgive our hesitancy and our self-serving ways, O Lord.

Heal us of the disease of seeking first our own comfort

before we engage in acts of justice and mercy.

Open our eyes and ears to the cries of those in need.

**Help us to give and also to receive
ministries of love and reconciliation
as we serve you with our whole hearts.**

**Then our music, our art, our worship
will truly reflect your awesome and abundant love for us. Amen.**

We Go Forth to Love & Serve

*Closing Hymn: "Victory in Jesus" UMH370

*Benediction

*Postlude

Announcements

Girl Scout Gold Award Presentation Liliana Palmer

The Church Goes Out to Love And Serve

* If you are able, please stand.