

**ORDER OF WORSHIP - OCTOBER 20, 2024**  
**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**GREETING AND OPENING PRAYER**

Dr. John Hatton

**WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF JESUS**

**OPENING VOLUNTARY**

Dr. James Humlong

**How Great Thou Art**

arr. Dan Miller

**INTROIT**

Chancel Choir

**Take, O Take Me As I Am**

John L. Bell

*The congregation is encouraged to join in singing when cued:*

**Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;  
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Joan Wooden

You are my God; be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you I cry all day long.  
**For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love  
to all who call on you.**

For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

**Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth;  
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.**

Let us worship God!

*(based on Psalm 86)*

**\*HYMN 384**

**Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

**\*A MODERN AFFIRMATION**

Where the Spirit of the Lord is,  
there is the one true church, apostolic and universal,  
whose holy faith let us now declare:

**We believe in God the Father,  
infinite in wisdom, power and love,  
whose mercy is over all his works,  
and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,  
Son of God and Son of man,  
the gift of the Father's unfailing grace,  
the ground of our hope,  
and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives,  
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance  
of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need.  
We believe that this faith should manifest itself  
in the service of love as set forth in the example  
of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God  
may come upon the earth. Amen.

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

UMH 70

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Hannah James

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Pastor Parker Outman

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God, in Christ Jesus, have mercy upon us.  
We are not quick to proclaim Christ as our savior.  
We have our own desires that demand our devotion.  
Other people have power over us that we dare not deny.  
We sometimes confuse Christ's will and our own.  
At times it is awkward to confess him the source of new life.  
With compassion he suffers, aware of our plight.  
O God, hear our confession, and through Christ keep us upright.

**SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Paul reminds us how we also must consider ourselves dead to sin  
and alive to God in Christ Jesus.  
"For if we have been united with him, in a death like his, we will certainly be  
united with him in a resurrection like his."  
In Christ we may live anew, with the assurance of Jesus Christ that in him  
we are forgiven.  
**Glory to God. Amen.**

**HYMN 186**

stanzas 1-3

**Alleluia**

The Lord be with you.  
**And with thy spirit.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

Rev. Dennis Burrows

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

Chancel Choir

**My Eternal King**

Jane M. Marshall

**\*DOXOLOGY**

UMH 95

**\*PRAYER OF BLESSING**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Dr. Ed Pavlik

**Romans 6:5-11 (NLT)**

Since we have been united with him in his death, we will also be raised to life as he was. We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin. For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin. And since we died with Christ, we know we will also live with him. We are sure of this because Christ was raised from the dead, and he will never die again. Death no longer has any power over him. When he died, he died once to break the power of sin. But now that he lives, he lives for the glory of God. So you also should consider yourselves to be dead to the power of sin and alive to God through Christ Jesus.

Do not let sin control the way you live; do not give in to sinful desires.

This is the word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**MESSAGE**

Dr. John Hatton

**\*HYMN 388**

**O Come and Dwell in Me**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

Dr. James Humlong

**Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee**

arr. Diane Bish

***This Morning's Liturgy:***

Reprinted by permission of the publisher from *When We Gather*  
by James G. Kirk. © 2001 James G. Kirk. Published by Geneva Press.