

**SCRIPTURE READING**  
**MATTHEW 7:7-12**

**SERMON**  
**“DO YOU WANT TO BE BLESSED?”**  
REV. LARAINÉ WAUGHTAL

**ANTHEM**  
*HOW GREAT YOU ARE*  
PHIL POSTHUMA

**\*HYMN OF INVITATION**  
*HOW GREAT THOU ART*  
#77, UMH v. 1 & 2  
WORDS AND MUSIC BY STUART K. HINE  
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1. O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hand have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!

2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander, and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze; (Refrain)

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*SENDING FORTH**  
*PRECIOUS NAME*

#536, UMH v. 1 & 2  
WORDS BY LYDIA BAXTER  
MUSIC BY WILLIAM H. DOANE  
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1. Take the name of Jesus with you, child of sorrow and of woe; it will joy and comfort give you; take it then, where'er you go.

Refrain: Precious name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heaven. Precious name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heaven.

2. Take the name of Jesus ever, as a shield from every snare; if temptations round you gather, breathe that holy name in prayer. (Refrain)

**POSTLUDE**  
*I WILL BLESS THEE, O LORD*  
ESTHER WATANABE



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have been blessed for anyone who would like  
to partake after church service is completed.*

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**“Do You Want to Be Blessed?”**  
Matthew 7:7-12

August 20, 2023  
Back to School Sunday  
Worship Service with Noisy Offering  
Sanctuary & Online  
10:00 AM



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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

NURSERY IS PROVIDED (BIRTH - 4 YEARS OLD) IN THE EDUCATION BUILDING

## PRELUDE

*JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE*

BY LUDWIG VON BEETHOVEN; ARR. BY FRED BOCK

## WELCOME HOME!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

*THE RISEN CHRIST*

KEITH GETTY & PHIL MEDEIRA

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Trust in the Lord and do good.

**Congregation: May the Lord give strength to the people!**

O taste and see that the Lord is good!

**God is our refuge and strength.**

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE

*O WORSHIP THE KING*

#73, UMH, v. 1, 2, & 5

WORDS BY ROBERT GRANT

MUSIC ATTRIBUTED TO JOHANN MICHAEL HAYDN; ARR. BY WILLIAM GARDINER

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1. O worship the King, all glorious above, O gratefully sing God's power and God's love; our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.
2. O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space, whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, and dark is God's path on the wings of the storm.
5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail; thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**Congregation: I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, Our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

# SHARING OF OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

## CALL TO PRAYER

*CHRIST FOR THE WORLD WE SING*

#568, UMH, v. 1 & 2

WORDS BY SAMUEL WOLCOTT

MUSIC BY FELICE DE GIARDINI

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1. Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with loving zeal; the poor, and them that mourn, the faint and overborne, sin-sick and sorrow-worn, whom Christ doth heal.
2. Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with fervent prayer; the wayward and the lost, by restless passions tossed, redeemed at countless cost, from dark despair.

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

## OFFERING PRAYER & RETURN OF GOD'S TITHES & GIFTS *WITH NOISY OFFERING!*

## \*DOXOLOGY

*PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW*

#94, UMH

WORDS BY THOMAS KEN

MUSIC FROM *GEISTLICHE KIRCHENGESANGE*

ARR. BY RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ,  
whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## BLESSING FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR

## DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

CHILDREN FROM KINDERGARTEN TO 5TH GRADE MAY GO WITH CATHY SCOTT TO THE CONFERENCE ROOM

## HYMN OF FAITH

*SEEK YE FIRST*

#405, UMH

WORDS AND MUSIC BY KAREN LAFFERTY

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1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!
2. Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find; knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!