

ORDER OF WORSHIP
September 13, 2020
The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost
11:00am
St. John's United Methodist Church

Gathering Music

Jim Ahrend

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Jim Ahrend

Invocation

Call to Worship

We enter a virtual gathering space once again this season.

**We worship together in spirit and in truth,
though not in person.**

We pray, sing, and listen to God's Word
despite the fear that pervades our community.

**We trust Christ's peace,
a peace given freely, despite our doubts and fears.**

We know the Holy Spirit is among us,
blowing with a hopeful wind of change.

**We feel the presence of Christ,
the one who died and rose again, and brings us eternal life.**

This is the day our God has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Hymn

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

UMH 89

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

1. Joy-ful, joy-ful, we a-dore thee, God of glo-ry, Lord of love;
 2. All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re-flect thy rays,
 3. Thou art giv-ing and for-giv-ing, ev-er bless-ing, ev-er blest,
 4. Mor-tals, join the might-y cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan;

hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, open-ing to the sun a-bove.
 stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.
 well-spring of the joy of liv-ing, o-cean depth of hap-py rest!
 love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, bind-ing all with-in its span.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way.
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flow-ery mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
 Thou our Fa-ther, Christ our broth-er, all who live in love are thine;
 Ev-er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic-tors in the midst of strife;

Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day!
 chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re-joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each oth-er, lift us to the joy di-vine.
 joy-ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward, in the tri-umph song of life.

WORDS: Henry Van Dyke, 1907; st. 4 alt. 1989
 MUSIC: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824; arr. by Edward Hodges, 1864

HYMN TO JOY
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Affirmation of Faith

UMH 888

Leader: This is the good news
 which we have received
 in which we stand,
 and by which we are saved:

People: **Christ died for our sins,
 was buried,
 was raised on the third day,
 and appeared first to the women,
 then to Peter and the Twelve,
 and then to many faithful witnesses.**

**We believe Jesus is the Christ,
 the Anointed One of God,
 the firstborn of all creation,
 the firstborn from the dead,
 in whom all things hold together,
 in whom the fullness of God
 was pleased to dwell
 by the power of the Spirit.**

**Christ is the head of the body, the church,
 and by the blood of the cross
 reconciles all things to God. Amen.**

Prayer of Confession
Words of Assurance

Invitation to Give

*Go to stjohns-abq.org to give online.
You may also mail checks to: St. John's UMC, 2626 Arizona Street NE, 87110*

Offertory Music

Matthew Greer

Doxology

UMH 94

**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 pow'r uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Offertory Prayer

Hymn

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

FWS 2171


2171 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace



1. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. _____ Where
 2. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. _____ Where
 4. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. _____ It



there is ha - tred, let me bring your love. _____ Where
 there's des - pair in life, let me bring hope. _____ Where
 is in par - don - ing that we are par - doned, _____ in

Last time to Coda 



there is in - ju - ry, your par - don, Lord, _____ and
 there is dark - ness, _____ on - ly light, _____ and
 giv - ing of our - selves that we re -



where there's doubt, true faith in you. _____
 where there's sad - ness, ev - er joy. _____



— 3. Oh, Mas-ter, grant that I may nev - er seek _____ so



much to be con - soled as to con - sole, _____ to be

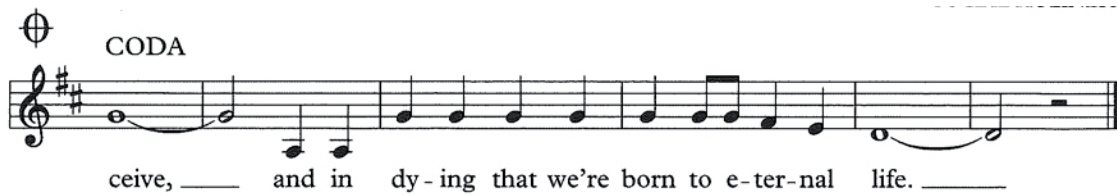


un - der - stood as to un - der - stand, _____ to be



loved as to love with all my soul. _____

D.C. al Coda



WORDS: *Prayer of St. Francis*; adapt. by Sebastian Temple (Matt. 6:12-15)
 MUSIC: Sebastian Temple
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CHANNEL OF PEACE
 Irregular

Pastoral Prayer The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread,
 and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.
 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is
 the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

Scripture Lesson

Titus 1:1-5

Message

Rev. Dr. Pam Rowley

“The ‘Little’ Books of the New Testament: Titus”

Recognition of Certified Lay Ministers

Mike Furnish, Larry Luna, Cari Neill

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Hymn

“The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”

FWS 2241

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve 2241

1. The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we
2. We go to com - fort those who mourn and
3. We go to be the hands of Christ, to
4. Then let us go to serve in peace, the

go in Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
set the bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
scat - ter joy like seed and, all our days, to
gos - pel to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -

to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
share a dream and help the blind to see.
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

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MUSIC: USA folk melody

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LAND OF REST
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Benediction

Postlude

Jim Ahrend

Worship Leaders:

*Rev. Dr. Pam Rowley, Rev. Kelly Giese
Jim Ahrend, Shea Perry, Matthew Greer*