

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**August 9, 2020**  
***The Tenth Sunday After Pentecost***  
***11:00am***  
***St. John's United Methodist Church***  
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Gathering Music

Jim Ahrend

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Therese Macali

“Down to the River to Pray”  
arr. Ken Medema

Invocation

Call to Worship

Happy are those who follow the ways of the Lord.  
**God's ways are just and merciful.**  
Those who follow God's ways are continually nourished in faith.  
**In all that they do, they prosper.**  
Come, let us open our hearts to God's compassionate love.  
**Let us celebrate God's mercy and justice.**

Hymn

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

UMH 400

# Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 400

1. Come, thou Fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my heart to  
 2. Here I raise mine Eb - e - ne - zer; hith - er by thy  
 3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con -

sing thy grace; streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,  
 help I'm come; and I hope, by thy good plea - sure,  
 strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a fet - ter,

call for songs of loud - est praise. Teach me some me - lo - dious  
 safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a  
 bind my wan - dering heart to thee. Prone to wan - der, Lord, I

son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! I'm  
 stran - ger, wan - dering from the fold of God; he, to res - cue  
 feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O

fixed up - on it, mount of thy re - deem - ing love.  
 me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
 take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

WORDS: Robert Robinson, 1758 (1 Sam. 7:12)  
 MUSIC: Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, 1813

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Affirmation of Faith

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

**All:**       **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.**

Prayer of Confession  
Words of Assurance

Celebration of Stephen Ministers

We ask you, members of St. John's UMC to open your hearts to the ministry of these individuals and to pray for them, that they may be effective servants of Christ. Are you prepared to meet this request?

**Congregation: Yes, with the help of God.**

We also ask you to accept their ministry when you need help, to allow these individuals to work with you as you face struggles in your life, and to let others know of this ministry of care and compassion. Are you prepared to meet this request?

**Congregation: Yes, with the help of God.**

Invitation to Give

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You may also mail checks to: St. John's UMC, 2626 Arizona Street NE, 87110*

Offertory Music

Therese Macali, Shea Perry, and Matthew Greer  
"I Believe"  
Mark Miller

**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!**

## 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.*

## Message

Rev. Dr. Pam Rowley

## “The ‘Little’ Letters of the New Testament: Philemon”

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed

might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say. One thing more—prepare a guest room for me, for I am hoping through your prayers to be restored to you. Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends greetings to you, and so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my fellow workers. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

#### Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Hymn

“The Servant Song”  
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Benediction

Postlude

Jim Ahrend

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#### *Worship Leaders:*

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

# The Servant Song

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- 1., 6. Broth-er, sis - ter, let me serve you, let me be as
2. We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; we're to - geth - er
3. I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time
4. I will weep when you are weep-ing; when you laugh, I'll
5. When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall find such



Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to  
on this road. We are here to help each oth - er  
of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,  
laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row  
har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to - geth - er



let you be my ser - vant, too.  
walk the mile and bear the load.  
speak the peace you long to hear.  
till we've seen this jour - ney through.  
of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

WORDS: Richard Gillard (Matt. 20:26)  
MUSIC: Richard Gillard

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