



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NEWPORT-MT. OLIVET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 25, 2024

11:00 a.m.

GATHERING & PRAISE

PRELUDE

Jean Williams & Connie Sublett

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nancy Sasser

* INTROIT

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

UMH 158 (vv. 1 & 3)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Colossians 1 & Psalm 100

One: Christ Jesus, friend of the poor, the meek and the merciful,
has been enthroned above all authority and power
in this world and in the world that is to come.

**All: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth,
worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.**

One: God has placed everything under Christ's wounded feet,
and has appointed the One who wore a crown of thorns
as the supreme head of the Church, his body.

**All: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him and bless his holy name!**

One: For the Lord is good;

All: His steadfast love endures forever.

* HYMN OF PRAISE

Jesus Shall Reign

UMH 157

* PRAYER OF APPROACH

One: Let us pray:

**All: Almighty God, you brought creation into being through Christ,
and in Christ all things find their purpose.**

**Open our eyes to see the world as your gift
and to use your gifts for the sake of Christ,
that through the witness of our lives**

the gospel may be proclaimed to all people.

We worship in the name of the Lamb who was slain—

the Lord of Life and the Lord of All, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Colossians 1:15-20

pg. 200, New Testament, Pew Bible

One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word:

All: Thanks be to God!

CONFESSION & PARDON

One: We do not confess our sins in the hope of forgiveness;
we confess our sins with the certainty of forgiveness.
Scripture assures us that we have been rescued from the power of darkness,
and transferred into the kingdom of God's beloved Son,
in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
And so with that promise, that assurance, that redemption
we confess our sins before God and one another.

**All: Almighty God, you brought forth the world for the love of Christ,
yet we have lived in rebellion and turned away from our created purpose.
We have acknowledged the Lordship of Christ with our lips,
but we have not honored him with our lives.
We have served the idols of wealth and privilege;
we have sought the protection of violence to oppose violence;
we have lived in fear of death and loss;
we have not loved our neighbors,
nor sought reconciliation with our enemies.
Instruct our hearts in the ways of peace.
Give us integrity in our quest for truth.
Release us from the fear of death.
Grant us courage in the face of evil.
Free us for joyful service in Christ our Lord.
Empower us to live as citizens of your kingdom.
For the sake of the world, in the name of Christ. Amen.**

One: All things, in heaven and on earth, are reconciled to God in Jesus Christ.
Forgiveness is ours through faith in the Lord,
in whom God was pleased to dwell.
Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace. **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

WELCOMING MUSIC

Where Children Belong

TFWS 2233

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SUNG RESPONSE *Jesus Loves Me* UMH 191 (v. 1)

MESSAGE *The Prince of Peace* Pastor Fleischer

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PROFESSING OUR FAITH *The Apostles' Creed* UMH 881

THANKSGIVING

OFFERTORY *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* Jackie Livesay

* DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH 95

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

* THE LORD'S PRAYER

**All: 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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

SENDING FORTH

* HYMN OF DEDICATION *I Love to Tell the Story* UMH 156

* COMMISSION & BLESSING

* SUNG DISMISSAL *Shalom to You* UMH 666

* POSTLUDE Jean Williams & Connie Sublett

* Indicates congregation standing (if able)
UMH = United Methodist Hymnal
TFWS = The Faith We Sing



**For in him all the fullness of God
was pleased to dwell**

Colossians 1:19, NRSV