



# SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NEWPORT-MT. OLIVET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 8, 2024

11:00 a.m.

## GATHERING & PRAISE

PRELUDE

Jean Williams & Connie Sublett

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nancy Sasser

\* INTROIT

*There's Something About that Name*

UMH 171

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Lord, open our hearts to strengthen our faith.

**All: Lord, help us to center our lives on your presence and purpose.**

One: Lord, open our minds to hear your words of compassion.

**All: Lord, help us to truly listen to you.**

One: Lord, open our doors that we may see the world as our mission field.

**All: Lord, help us to put our faith into action  
and make us ready to witness to your healing love.**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

UMH 57 (vv. 1-4)

\* PRAYER OF APPROACH

One: Let us pray:

**All: Good and generous God,  
through the death and resurrection of our glorious Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have formed us into a community of blessing and hope.**

**Freed by the forgiveness you have given us,  
we are called to extend your generosity to others,  
sharing our bread with the poor,  
pleading the cause of the afflicted,  
and receiving our neighbors with warmth and hospitality.**

**In this time of worship, send your Spirit upon us,  
that we may live out our faith in expressions of love and compassion.  
Prepare us and send us forth the powerful and holy name of Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

James 2:1-17

pg. 229, New Testament, Pew Bible

One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word:

**All: Thanks be to God!**

CONFESSION & PARDON

One: We cannot come before God unless we are first honest with ourselves  
about who we are, about the mistakes we make,  
and about how well or poorly we care for others.  
In the spirit of humility, let us offer our prayers to God.

**All: You asked for my hands that you might use them for your purpose.  
I gave them for a moment then withdrew them for the work was hard.  
You asked for my mouth to speak out against injustice.  
I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused.  
You asked for my eyes to see the pain of poverty.  
I closed them for I did not want to see.  
You asked for my life that you might work through me.  
I gave a small part that I might not get too involved.  
Lord, forgive my calculated efforts to serve you,  
only when it is convenient to do so,  
only in those places where it is safe to do so,  
and only with those who make it easy to do so.  
Father, forgive me.  
Renew me and send me out as a usable instrument of your love,  
that I might take seriously the meaning of your cross.**

*(moment of silent confession)*

One: Be strong, do not fear!

God comes, to fill your parched souls with living water,  
to open your eyes to the grace which is yours.

**All: God comes for no other reason than to save us.  
This is indeed good news.  
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                          *Without Distinction*                  Pastor Fleischer

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PROFESSING OUR FAITH      *The Apostles' Creed*                  UMH 881

### THANKSGIVING

OFFERTORY                      *Children of the Heavenly Father*          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      *Forth in Thy Name, O Lord*                  UMH 438

\* COMMISSION & BENEDICTION

\* SUNG DISMISSAL              *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*                  UMH 664

\* POSTLUDE                                  Jean Williams & Connie Sublett

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

