



# TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NEWPORT-MT. OLIVET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 27, 2024

11:00 a.m.

## GATHERING & PRAISE

PRELUDE Jean Williams & Connie Sublett

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Nancy Sasser, *Lay Leader*

\* INTROIT *Father, I Adore You* TFWS 2038

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In the midst of grief, we choose to celebrate—  
**All: because it reminds us of hope and brings comfort to our broken hearts.**

One: In the midst of poverty, we choose to celebrate—  
**All: because it speaks of wealth beyond material things  
and gives dignity to our humbled hearts.**

One: In the midst of conflict, we choose to celebrate—  
**All: because it turns us to peace and restores humanity to our angry hearts.**

One: In the midst of suffering, we choose to celebrate—  
**All: because it lightens our darkness and inspires strength in our fragile hearts.**

One: In the midst of injustice, we choose to celebrate—  
**All: because it defies evil and renews determination in our compassionate hearts.**

One: Though crosses may loom, and opponents gather;  
though cynics may scoff at the extravagance of our devotion to you, Jesus:  
**All: we still choose to embrace the healing power of celebration.**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE *Wonderful Words of Life* UMH 600

### \* PRAYER OF APPROACH

One: Let us pray:

**All: Eternal One, whose thoughts and ways are not ours,  
you alone are God, awesome, holy, and most high.  
Teach us in the ways of faith and wisdom, that we, like Job,  
may learn to truly see and hear, and in humility find blessing. Amen.**

## PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Job 42:1-6, 10-17  
(pg. 488, Old Testament, Pew Bible)

One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word:  
**All: Thanks be to God!**

CONFESSION & PARDON

**All: God of justice and righteousness,  
we confess that we have sought our own gain.  
We have put our own wounds and hurts above the violence done to others.  
We have cried out selfishly about ourselves,  
while ignoring how our own actions oppress  
and contribute to the suffering of others.  
Forgive us, O God, for not seeing the bigger picture.  
Forgive us for not recognizing our part in unjust systems.  
Call us into your ways of righteousness and integrity.  
Give us a prophetic voice to speak on behalf of the poor and oppressed.  
Help us to be co-laborers with you in the restoration of your people.**

*Moment of silent confession*

One: God's steadfast love endures forever.  
God's mercies are renewed every morning.  
There is nothing we can do that will ever separate us  
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
We are loved, forgiven, and restored.  
**All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.**

WELCOMING MUSIC *Where Children Belong* TFWS 2233

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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

MESSAGE *Happily Ever After?* Pastor Fleischer

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PROFESSING OUR FAITH *The Apostles' Creed* UMH 881

## THANKSGIVING

OFFERTORY *When Our Confidence Is Shaken* 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 *From All That Dwell Below the Skies* UMH 101

\* COMMISSION & BLESSING

\* SUNG DISMISSAL *May You Run and Not Be Weary* TFWS 2281

\* POSTLUDE Jean Williams & Connie Sublett

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

**Suffering passes; having suffered never passes.  
—Charles Peguy**



**And Job died,  
old and  
full of days.**

Job 42:17, NRSV