

## Order of Worship

*We are caring believers who grow, share, and live out our faith in Christ.*

September 18, 2022

10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

Amy Duran, piano

### ***Our Approach to God***

WELCOME

OPENING PSALM

*"Sing unto the Lord"*  
Nate Giordano

Psalm 98

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

from Psalm

Leader: Happy are those who reject the advice of evil people, who don't follow the example of sinners or join those who have no use for God.

**People: Instead, they find joy in obeying the Law of the Lord, and they study it day and night. They're like trees that grow beside a stream, that bear fruit at the right time, and whose leaves don't dry up.**

Leader: They succeed in everything they do.

**People: But evil people aren't like this at all; they're like straw that the wind blows away.**

Leader: Sinners will be condemned by God and kept apart from God's own people.

**People: The righteous are guided and protected by the Lord, but the evil are on the way to their doom.**

\*HYMN

*"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"*

#97

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, we're disciplined about so much of life. We get up in the morning at a certain time. We have routines to get ready. We read the paper at a certain time or watch the news. We have meetings and appointments, and we show up when we're supposed to. We know what we need to get done during the day and we do it. Maybe we limit our eating to keep our weight in check or have a schedule for exercise or one for cleaning our houses. But we're not so disciplined about our relationship with You, Jesus. We pursue You with our leftover time. . . and there's not much leftover. We get to You when we can get to You. And our relationship, our following suffers because of it. Spirit, help us to be more regular in our devotion, in our discipline. Amen.**

HEARING OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

LIVING THANKFULLY AS FORGIVEN PEOPLE

CHANCEL CHOIR

*"Great Is Thy Name"*

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## ***The Word of God***

GREETING EACH OTHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

\*HYMN

*"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"*

#602

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

1 Timothy 4:6-10

p. 209 (NT)

SERMON

*"Training"*

Pastor Sayer

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

### ***Our Response to God***

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER

#815

JOYS, THANKS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE GENERAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

\*HYMN

*"Living for Jesus"*

#605

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Amy Duran, piano

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**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Anonymous; Lynn Baker; Christian Brueck; Deanna & Roger Carman; Marilyn Clark; Jill Cox; Harold Friedeman; Ernie Hepperle; Nancy Lanzalotto; Chris Lombardi; Ed Serrano; Richard Smyth; Craig Terjanian.

**THE UNITY PRAYER:** God, we know You won the victory through Christ, so may we act only and confidently using the gifts that You have given us.

**THE FLOWERS** are given by Anne and David McBride in celebration of their daughter-in-law, Sarah's birthday.

**THIS WEEK**

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 11:15 Live Nativity Meeting  
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 7:30 Finance Committee  
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 11:00 Outreach Committee  
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10:00 AM Worship, Sunday School and Puppet Club  
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