Order of Celebration

September 22, 2019 ★ 10:30 AM

GATHERING

Gathering Music

Welcome

Sharing the Life of the Church

Please complete the Communication Card and place it in the offering plate. If you have a prayer request, fill out a prayer card that will be collected during the first song.

Centering Music and Service of Lights

*Call to Worship

Leader: Cry out to the Lord, for God hears our pleas.

All: May our heads be springs of water and our eyes fountains of

tears, for God answers the cries of the suffering.

Leader: Put your faith in God, our great physician.

All: We will reach out for the balm of Gilead, for God soothes the

sorrows of the faithful.

Leader: Call upon the Lord, for God hears our pleas.

All: We will enter God's gates with hope and gladness.

Leader: Come, worship the One who hears our pleas.

*Song Make Me a Channel of Your Peace TFWS 2171

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Holy One, your ways are as far above our ways as the heavens are

above the raging seas. We yearn to offer supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgiving for the needs of all, but find some

people hard to love.

All: We long to be faithful stewards of your many blessings, but

often find the effort a hassle in the midst of more pleasurable

pursuits.

Leader: Forgive us when we try to serve two masters - when we seek the

shelter and safety of your love, while placing our trust in human

wealth, status, and power.

All:

Heal our brokenness and our self-centered ways, for you alone are our one true physician, and you alone can make us well. Amen.

Words of Assurance

The author of our salvation, the One who weeps for us and for our world, is the God of compassion. God meets us in our need and heals our many failings. Rejoice and be glad!

	THE WORD	
Epistle Lesson	1 Timothy 2: 1 - 7	pg 1444
Gospel Lesson	Luke 16: 1 - 13	pg 1273
Message	Stewardship & Other Important Things	Marti B. Tamaroglio
OUR RESPONSE		
Song	Jesu, Jesu Refrain, vs. 4, Refrain	UHM 432

Offering Invitation

"Our God of Grace and Mercy has called us to be servants in Jesus' holy name. We know, through Jesus' teachings, that to be servant leaders is a worthwhile calling. We focus on the Christian practice of hospitality by freely giving to others in God's name. Our ushers will wait upon us at this time."

Offertory Music

*Doxology UMH 95

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below.

Praise him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Dedication Prayer (in unison)

God of manifold blessings, you provide for our every need, and call us to be good stewards of your many gifts. May we be found faithful in a little, that we may also be faithful in a lot. We offer you these gifts in loving gratitude, that they may shine forth in the world and bring your children everywhere your healing love and light. Amen.

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WE ARE SENT FORTH

*Song O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee UMH 430

Benediction

Leader: Go forth and be faithful in a little,

All: that we may also be found faithful in much.

Leader: Go to be faithful in much,

All: that we may be entrusted with the wealth and welfare of

others.

Leader: Go to be faithful with the wealth of this generation,

All: that we may be given the true riches that come from above.

Leader: Go to be faithful children of light,

All: that we may know the grace, hope, and peace of the One who

is truly faithful.

Postlude

Please join us for Coffee & Conversation in the Fellowship Hall

*Please stand as you feel comfortable



Pastor Bob had a planned surgery last week and will return to the pulpit in October. His surgery went well, but please keep him in your prayers for a speedy recovery



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