



Order of Worship for June 26, 2022

Celebrating PRIDE!

Prelude

Welcoming and Announcements

Pastor Sharon Kichline

Celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries

Centering

*** Call to Worship**

One: All you who delight in the Sacred Strange, come and worship the Extraordinary Creator!

All: Thanks be to God who blesses and rejoices in the uniqueness of every body and being.

One: The Holy takes on flesh in every gender and sexual orientation, every race and ability, every body size and body type.

All: Each embodied difference is a unique glimpse of Holy Wonder.

One: Blessed are those who search for God among the lives of the oppressed, the betrayed, the turned-away, and the condemned.

All: Blessed are those who receive with joy the gifts of God enfleshed among us.

One: The Sacred is with us. Let us worship and be transformed.

*** Welcoming the Light of Christ in Song**

Great is the Lord

FWS 2122

*** Opening Prayer**

In Unison

Compassionate Parent, Child, and Spirit; just as you are wrapped in the mystery of being Three in One, we too are multifaceted creatures, carrying within our own spirits a vast diversity of being. We are nurturers and protectors, seekers and guides, whole and broken, woven together in your rich tapestry of grace. Help us see beyond the categories that imprison us and let go of the labels that limit us, free to be your people defined only by your light reflecting in our lives. Amen.

***Passing the Peace of Christ Among Us**

Please greet your neighbors with a wave and a smile. ☺

Children's Story: The Mystery Basket

The children are invited to come forward for a special story with Pastor Sharon

Offertory

Blessing our Offerings

Pastor Paige

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God, all creatures here below
Praise God above the Heavenly host
Praise Creator, Son and Holy Ghost
Amen

Prayers of the People

***Gospel Reading**

Mark 9:38-41

Preparing our Hearts

Into My Heart

FWS 2160

The Message

"One of Us"

Pastor Sharon

Musical Response

Be Thou My Vision

UMH 451

Renewal of Vows

Louise and Randy Thomas

Recessional

Benediction

Pastor: God takes on flesh in the strange and surprising.

People: Love liberates from the margins.

Pastor: Together, we can be who is needed to resist evil and oppression.

All: With a renewed commitment to solidarity with God and all people, and fresh with the joy of celebrating sustaining love, may the Spirit lead us from this place with peace. Amen!

Postlude



*How wonderful to have you in worship with us today!
This is a place where you are loved just as you are.*