



Order of Worship for September 18, 2022

**Please rise if comfortably able*

Prelude

Welcoming and Announcements

Pastor Sharon Kichline

Centering

***Call to Worship (Psalm 79, Jeremiah 8, Luke 16)**

Pastor Paige Foster

One: O God, we come into your courts with praise and thanksgiving!

Many: We come in celebration and song.

One: We come in gratitude of your inheritance.

Many: We come as those who have received blessing upon blessing.

One: We hear the cry of the poor in the land, and ache to offer them relief.

Many: We come to bring them blessing upon blessing, in Jesus' name.

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Many: We come in celebration and song!

***Welcoming the Light of Christ with Song**

“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

FWS 2088

***Opening Prayer**

In Unison

Gracious God, your people are suffering. Where there is woundedness, help us bring healing. Where there is discouragement, help us bring support and comfort. Where there is dismay and mourning, help us bring the power of new life and new opportunities. Heal us, O God, for you are our help and our hope, the One we turn to in times of trouble. In the name of our Great Physician, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

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

Since we have peace with God through Jesus Christ, let us stand and share this peace with one another.

You are invited to greet your neighbors with a wave and a smile. 😊

Blessing of our Children

Children from age 4 through 6th grade are invited to come forward to attend our Living Stones learning program.

Children may be picked up in Fellowship Hall after worship.

Collection of Our Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology:

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Shared Blessing our Offerings

Pastor Josh Krakos

Lord, we got up this morning, ate our breakfast, got dressed, and came to church—
all to give you praise and thanksgiving. May these gifts be a blessing for those who had no
bed this morning from which to arise; for those who had no breakfast and are hungry this
day; for those who have no new clothes; for those who long to worship you but cannot.
Take these gifts and use them as you will, O God. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Prayers of the People

*Gospel Reading

Luke 16:1-13

Preparing our Hearts

“A Charge to Keep I Have”

UMH 413

Message

“To Be Shrewd”

Pastor Sharon

Prayer

God of all Good Gifts, we seek to serve you, O God, by serving others: the poor, the needy,
the least, and the lost. Help us hear anew your words that we may become more faithful
stewards of the gifts you give us each day, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*Sending Song

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

UMH 420

Benediction

Postlude



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