



## Order of Worship - September 25, 2022



### Livestreaming Notification

*We are livestreaming worship from the Sanctuary. Mostly the congregation is not on camera, but if you would like to be guaranteed to not be filmed, simply avoid the first two rows of chairs in any section. The cameras will be off during the Time of Reflection so that all may come up to the front to light a candle.*

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\* Indicates please stand as you are able

**Prelude**                      *Miniature No. 7: Valse Russe*                      Frank Bridge

**Welcome**

**Introit**

**Opening Question**                      *“Where did you find deep joy in the last week?”*

**Hymn #539\***                      *Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?*

**Time with Children**

*Children are now dismissed to Faith Formation.*

**Pastoral Prayer**                      *Rev. Patty Ebner*

### Participating in Worship

**Worship Leaders:** Rev. Lisa Horst Clark, Rev. Patty Ebner

**Organist:** Laura Ouimette

**Musicians:** Kathleen Dow, Kay Hollingsworth, David Haney

### About Today's Music

Our anthem this week is an arrangement of the Shaker hymn, "More Love." Written anonymously c. 1870, it comes from the Shaker Village in Canterbury, NH, and was accompanied by the quotation: "Who so offereth praise glorifieth me" (Psalms 5:23). The anthem calls on the believer to show love to others as a visible sign of love for God. The text is in prose, as if improvised for the tune, and was originally intended to be sung in unison. This 1987 setting by Sid Davis begins poignantly in the tenor voice, soon joined by the bass, and then expands into four-part harmony. Davis is the Director of Music and Fine Arts at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Houston, TX.

### Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,  
Sometimes life looks like it should be easy,  
but we always make a mess.  
This is particularly true when it comes to our relationships.  
We so desperately long to say the right thing,  
to be the right thing, to find the right solution,  
that we overstep the line.  
Forgive us for assuming the place you fill.  
Forgive us for imagining that we, in all our humanity,  
could possibly fix all the hurt in this world.  
Instead, give us the grace and the strength  
to stand by our loved ones in their moments of need  
to witness their hurt without trying to fix it.  
You are God. We are not. Teach us how to be a friend.  
Teach us how to ask, "What do you need?"  
Teach us how to point to you.  
Gratefully we pray. Amen.

### Words of Forgiveness

Leader: Family of faith, no matter how many times you have  
spoken without listening,  
assumed without knowing,  
offered without asking,  
or rushed without waiting—  
you are forgiven.  
God knows your desire and your intent.  
God knows when we try and miss the mark,  
and God surrounds us in grace.

So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

**All: Every day is a new day for love. We are claimed. We are forgiven. We are invited into relationship. Thanks be to God for growth and grace that know no end. Amen.**

**Music***O Lord Hear My Prayer*

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me. O

5 Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me. O

Em G/D Am/C D Em B<sup>7</sup> Em *Last Time*

**Scripture**

Job 2:11-13

*Now when Job's three friends heard of all these troubles that had come upon him, each of them set out from his home—Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite. They met together to go and console and comfort him. When they saw him from a distance, they did not recognize him, and they raised their voices and wept aloud; they tore their robes and threw dust in the air upon their heads. They sat with him on the ground seven days and seven nights, and no one spoke a word to him, for they saw that his suffering was very great.*

**Scripture**

2 Timothy 4:9-18

*Do your best to come to me soon, for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me in ministry.*

*I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will pay him back for his deeds. You also must beware of him, for he strongly opposed our message.*

*At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.*

**Video Reflection**

Rev. Remington Johnson

**Anthem***More Love*

arr. Sid Davis

**Sermon**

Rev. Lisa Horst Clark

**Time of Reflection**

*You're invited forward to light a candle, write a prayer request, or to give an offering. Please keep distanced from others as you do this.*

**Hymn #472\****Precious Lord, Take My Hand***Benediction****Benediction Response****Postlude***Miniature No. 8: Hornpipe*

Frank Bridge