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*Sustaining a vibrant and growing congregation through Christian spiritual transformation, making our work and the church relevant and visible.*

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*Welcome Rev. Sunae Cho*



*"How is God Calling You and Me?"*

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July 17, 2022  
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost  
CELEBRATION OF DIVINE WORSHIP

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WELCOME

Juliet Hannifin & Rev. Sunae Cho, *Pastor*

INTROIT

“Come Christians, Join to Sing”

arr. Mark Hayes

OPENING PRAYER

Juliet Hannifin & Rev. Sunae Cho, *Pastor*

*AN ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION OF AN APPOINTMENT,  
FROM THE UMC BOOK OF WORSHIP*

*SPRC Chairperson:*

Dear Friends, today we welcome Rev. Sunae, who has been appointed to serve as our pastor. We believe that Pastor Sunae is well qualified and has been prayerfully appointed by our bishop.

Pastor Sunae Cho, you have been sent to live among us as a bearer of the Word of God; a minister of the Sacraments; and a sustainer of love, order, and discipleship of the people of God.

*Pastor Sunae:*

Today, I affirm my commitment to live faithfully among you as your pastor depending on God’s grace and power and in the presence of this congregation.

*Congregation:*

*Blessed are those whose trust is in you,  
O Lord, our God, for in your presence is fullness of joy.*

*SPRC Chairperson:*

Siblings in Christ, as a people committed to participate in the ministries of the Church by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness, will you who celebrate this new beginning support and uphold Pastor Sunae in these ministries?

*Congregation:*

*We reaffirm our commitment to support you with our prayers,  
our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.*

*ALL:*

*Blessed are those whose strength is in you, O God  
and how beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger.  
Hallelujah.*

*UNISON PRAYER*

*Eternal God, strengthen and sustain us in our ministries together with Pastor Sunae Cho,  
as our pastor. Give her and us patience, courage, and wisdom so to care for one another  
and challenge one another that together we may follow Jesus Christ, living together in love,  
and offering our gifts and talents in your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*SPRC Chair:*

Rev. Sunae Cho, receive this stole, signifying your ordination,  
and shepherd us as our pastor. Amen.

Pastor Sunae:

This yoke of Christ, the Love of God and light laid upon me,  
and I will willingly take it upon myself.

Prayer by Pastor Sunae:

Gracious and loving God, bless the ministries of your Church. We thank you for the variety of gifts you have bestowed upon us. Draw us together in one Spirit, that each of us may use our differing gifts as members of one body. May your Word be proclaimed with faithfulness, and may we be doers of your Word and not hearers only. As we who have died, and risen with Christ in baptism gather at his table and then scatter into the world, may we be one in service with others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OPENING SONG     *Jesus, We are here (Jesu, Tawa Pano)*     TFWS 2273

*Jesus, we are here; Jesus, we are here;  
Jesus, we are here; we are here for you.*

*Savior, we are here; Savior, we are here;  
Savior, we are here; we are here for you;*

*Master, we are here; Master, we are here;  
Master, we are here; we are here for you;*

*Spirit, we are here; Spirit, we are here;  
Spirit, we are here; we are here for you;*

SCRIPTURE

Jim Clardy

2 Corinthians 12:9 (NRSV updated)

[H]e said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

Matthew 22:34-40 (CEB)

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had left the Sadducees speechless, they met together. One of them, a legal expert, tested him. “Teacher, what is the greatest commandment in the Law?”

He replied, “You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: You must love your neighbor as you love yourself. All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commands.”

RESPONSE

*Love the Lord Your God*     TFWS 2168

*Love the Lord your God with all your heart.  
Love the Lord your God with all your soul.  
Love the Lord your God with all your mind.  
Love the Lord your God with all that you are.*

SERMON

*“How Is God Calling You and Me?”*     Rev. Sunae Cho, *Pastor*

RESPONSE

*As the Deer*  
LMUMC Choir

Martin Nystrom; Arr. John Wilson

# PRAYERS & GRATITUDES

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Ecumenical Version (UMH 894)

\*Please feel free to use the name of your choice for God that speaks to your soul.

**Our \*Creator in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

**A CELEBRATION OF WORD AND TABLE** (*Upper Room Worship Book*)

### Greeting:

Rev. Sunae & Kathleen Bell

Pastor: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

*People: And also with you.*

Pastor: The risen Christ is with us.

*People: Praise the Lord.*

Pastor: Blessed be the one, holy and living God.

*People: Glory to God forever and ever.*

### Prayer together: (unison)

*O God, you have created the universe with such splendor that all of it rises up to praise you. We, the people you have called to be your own, join with sun and moon, stars and mountains, in singing hymns of glory to your wonderful Name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.*

### Confession:

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION & RESOLVE (unison)

*Gracious God, have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, those things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**SILENCE IS KEPT FOR PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND HOPE**

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE (responsive)

Pastor: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are a forgiven people. Glory to God!

People: *Alleluia! Amen.*

## PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*Let us offer one another signs of peace and love.*

## LIVING AS THE CHURCH

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

*People: And also with you.*

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

*People: We lift them up to the Lord.*

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

Pastor:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,  
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

You formed us in your image  
and breathed into us the breath of life.

When we turned away, and our love failed,  
your love remained steadfast.

You delivered us from captivity,  
made covenant to be our sovereign God,  
and spoke to us through the prophet.

And so,  
with your people on earth  
and all the company of heaven  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest!*

Pastor:

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

Your Spirit anointed him  
to preach good news to the poor,  
to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovering of sight to the blind,  
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,  
and to announce that the time had come  
when you would save your people.

He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.

By the baptism of his suffering, death and resurrection  
you gave birth to your Church,  
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,  
and made with us a new covenant  
by water and the Spirit.

When the Lord Jesus ascended,  
he promised to be with us always,  
in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us,  
he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,  
gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over, he took the cup,  
gave thanks to you, gave it to the disciples, and said:

“Drink from this, all of you;  
this is my blood of new covenant,  
poured out for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
In remembrance of me.”

And so,  
In remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
We offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving  
As a holy and living sacrifice,  
In union with Christ’s offering for us,  
As we proclaim the mystery of faith.

*All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!*

Pastor:

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,  
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,  
redeemed by his blood.  
By your Spirit make us one with Christ  
one with each other,  
and one in ministry to all the world,  
until Christ comes in final victory  
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.  
Through your Son Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,  
all honor and glory is yours, might God,  
now and forever.

## **BREAKING THE BREAD**

*Lifting the Bread:*

Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body,  
for we all partake of the one loaf.

The bread which we break is sharing in the body of Christ.

*Lifting the Cup:*

The cup over which we give thanks is sharing the blood of Christ.

## **SHARING IN THE BREAD AND THE CUP**

### **PRAYER**

*We thank you, God, for inviting us to this table  
where we have known the presence of Christ  
and have received all Christ’s gifts.*

*Strengthen our faith,  
increase our love for one another,  
and let us show forth your praise in our lives;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.*

# OFFERING

## THANKSGIVING SONG

We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise TFWS 2031

*We bring the sacrifice of praise, into the house of the Lord.*

*We bring the sacrifice of praise, into the house of the Lord.*

*And we offer up to you the sacrifices of thanksgiving.*

*And we offer up to you the sacrifices of joy.*

## CLOSING SONG Your Love, O God, Has Called Us Here

*1. Your Love, O God, has called us here, for all love finds its source in you,  
the perfect love that casts out fear, that love that Christ makes ever new.*

*2. O Gracious God, you consecrate all that is lovely, good, and true,  
bless those who in your presence wait and every day their love renew.*

*3. O God of love, inspire our life, reveal your will in all we do;  
Join every sibling, everyone in mutual love and love for you.*

## CLOSING PRAYER *(responsive)*

We widen the circle of friendship.

**We welcome you with joy!**

We delight in getting to know you.

**We welcome you with excitement!**

We celebrate the new paths we will create together.

**We welcome you with anticipation!**

We invite you into our hearts and homes.

**We welcome you with generous hospitality!**

We gratefully embrace your gifts and talents.

**We are ready for this new adventure and we  
look forward to growing in faith with you. Amen.**

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## POSTLUDE

**“Joshua Fit The Battle of Jericho”**

arr. Mark Hayes

Ajani Harris, Tenor