



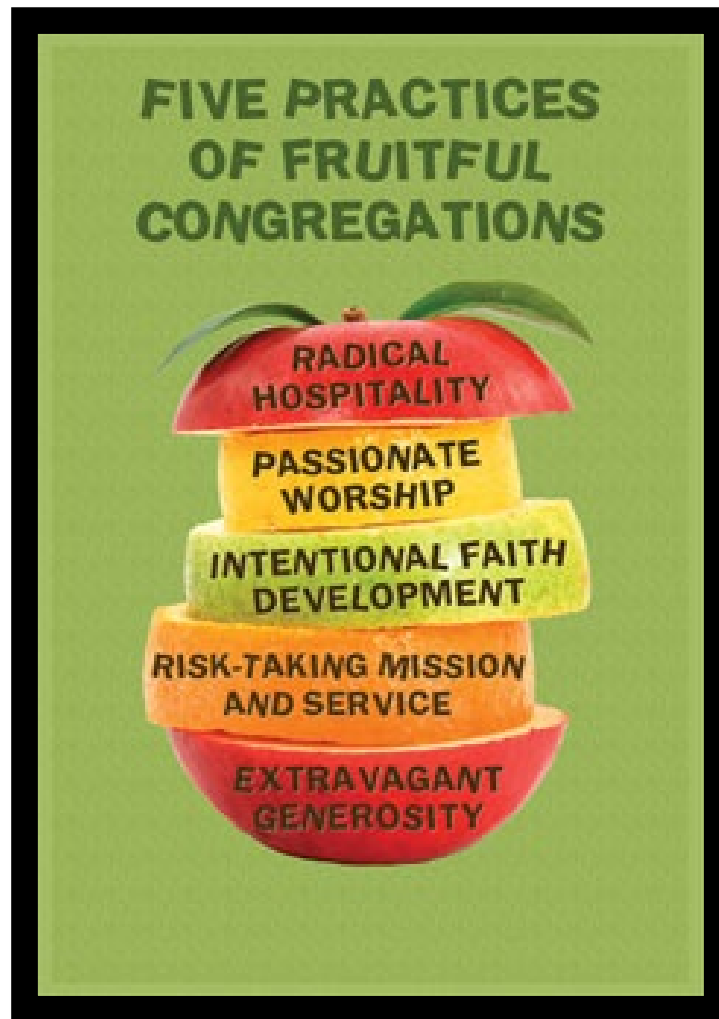
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August 21st, 2022
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
CELEBRATION OF DIVINE WORSHIP

WELCOME

Rev. Sunae Cho, *Pastor*

INTROIT

Here I Am, Lord

Jim Meredith, *Organ*

by: Dan Schutte; arr. Mark Hayes

OPENING PRAYER [RESPONSIVE]

Jane Sliheet

Our God, Creator and Sustainer of all life
instructs us to give generously and cheerfully.

We come, giving the funds, time, and gifts God has given us
cheerfully and without hesitation or pressure,

Trusting that in our upside-down life of the Gospel,
our wealth is measured not by what we have, but what we give away.

We give joyfully as an act of our faith trusting you great God,
to bless your church, your people, and your creation through our giving. Getlitworship.wordpress.com

OPENING SONG

(Please stand if able)

Take My Life, and Let It Be UMH 399

Jim Meredith, *Organ*

*1. Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.*

*Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

*Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.*

*Take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.*

*2. Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King.*

*Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee.*

*Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.*

*Take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.*

*3. Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.*

*Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.*

*Take my love, my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store.*

*Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.*

SCRIPTURE

John 3:11-17 (NIV)

Jane Sliheet

Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.” For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

2 Corinthians 9:11 (NIV)

You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

RESPONSE

God So Loved the World

LMUMC Bell Choir

by: John Stainer; arr. Dean B. McIntyre

SERMON

“Extravagant Generosity”

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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.*

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Let us offer one another signs of peace and love.

LIVING AS THE CHURCH

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. (2x)

CLOSING SONG

Bring Forth the Kingdom TFWS 2190

(Please stand if able)

1. *You are salt for the earth, O people:*

Salt for the Kingdom of God!

Share the flavour of life, O people:

Life in the Kingdom of God!

*Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy, bring forth the Kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice, bring forth the City of God!*

2. *You are a light on the hill, O people:*

Light for the City of God!

Shine so holy and bright, O people:

Shine for the Kingdom of God!

*Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy, bring forth the Kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice, bring forth the City of God!*

3. *You are a seed of the Word, O people:*

Bring forth the Kingdom of God!

Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,

Grow in the Kingdom of God!

*Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy, bring forth the Kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice, bring forth the City of God!*

4. *We are a blest and a pilgrim people:*

Bound for the Kingdom of God!

Love our journey and love our homeland:

Love is the Kingdom of God!

*Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy, bring forth the Kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice, bring forth the City of God!*

CLOSING PRAYER [UNISON]

Jane Sliheet

Loving God, we come to you in thanksgiving, knowing that all we are and all we have is a gift from you. In faith and love, help us to do your will.

We are listening, Lord God. Speak your words into the depths of our souls, that we may hear you clearly.

We offer to you this day all the facets of our lives, whether it be at home, at work, or at school - to be patient, to be merciful, to be generous, to be holy.

Give us the wisdom and insight to understand your will for us and the fervor to carry out our good intentions.

We offer our gifts of time, talent and possessions to you as a true act of faith, to reflect our love for you and our neighbor.

Help us to reach out to others as you our God have reached out to us.

Amen.

Ignatius of Loyola (adapt.)

POSTLUDE

All Creatures of Our God and King

arr. Mark Hayes