

1. Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing;  
fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
let us each, thy love possessing,  
triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us, O refresh us,  
traveling through this wilderness.
2. Thanks we give and adoration  
for thy gospel's joyful sound:  
may the fruits of your salvation  
in our hearts and lives abound:  
ever faithful, ever faithful  
to the truth may we be found.

#### BENEDICTION

#### POSTLUDE

### Prayers of the People

Ben Wages, George Green, Lourenda McKinney, Barbara Taylor (mother of Tim Taylor), Jerry Lockett (friend of Carolyn Galloway), Phillip Parker (friend of Donna Thurmond), Jim Ferguson (friend of Pat Anderson), Deborah Sanders, Hattie Ervin (friend of Marty Cobb), Akil Al-chokhachi, Karen Palmer (former sister-in-law of Mary Palmer), Robyn and Teddy Bray, Melissa Galloway's brother Wes, Neil Ostenrude (father of Martha Ostenrude), Bethany Kroemer (Katie Kaler's sister), Les Abernathy (Barbara Caldwell's brother), Kristen Dean-Grossman and her husband, Brent, Vic Feisal, Malvin Massey, Wandalene Harvey Hertz (cousin of Marty Cobb), and her husband, Kevin, Frank Marion, Ray Weatherly, David and Ruth Shoulders, Ed and Nita Barlow, Coni Stevens, Eloise Carpenter.

#### Memorial Service for Rev. Shirley Lynn

As many of you know, Rev. Shirley Lynn passed away on July 2, 2020, during the height of the Covid pandemic. Her family is having a memorial service for Rev. Lynn on July 31, 2021 at Christ United Methodist Church, 4488 Poplar. Visitation is at 10 a.m. Service is 11 a.m.

If you have any additions or changes to the prayer list, please contact Donna Thurmond at [donna.thurmond@stlukesumc.org](mailto:donna.thurmond@stlukesumc.org) or Pat Anderson at 901-489-3757 or [pata9276@gmail.com](mailto:pata9276@gmail.com).

### Announcements

**The Table.** This month's service of "The Table," will be this Wednesday, July 21 from 5:45 to 6:30 p.m., and we will be reflecting on "Love." Following the service, we will have an *optional* light meal which will also give us an opportunity for fellowship and discussion. Reservations are requested for the meal. It will be a boxed meal of a sandwich, chips, a pickle, a cookie and bottled water. Cost is \$8. Please make reservations by noon on Tuesday, July 20 either online or by calling church office.

**School Supplies Needed for Sherwood Elementary!** Please donate school supplies to help teachers and students at our adopted school, Sherwood Elementary. Suggested items include: wide-lined notebook paper, #2 pencils, 24 pack of crayons or box of colored pencils, 70 sheet wide-lined one subject notebooks, pocket folders with brads, box of fat colored markers, flat pink erasers, bottles of white glue, glue sticks, red pens, black pens, paper clips, dry erase markers, round tip school scissors, pointed tip school scissors, pencil pouches or boxes. Please leave in designated container in Hospitality Hall. For more information contact Melinda Kaler at 901-212-5365 or [mtkaler1111@gmail.com](mailto:mtkaler1111@gmail.com)

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**Nursery.** A nursery for children ages 6 weeks-3 years is available at 9:00 a.m. in Room 112 in the Children's Building.

**Children's Ministry.** Sunday School for children ages 4 through 5th grade will meet at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall through July.

*Wonder Wednesdays* will meet each Wednesday in July from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Lunch and snacks will be provided each day. We will also enjoy a little water play, so dress appropriately and pack a towel! Register at [stlukesumc.org/children](http://stlukesumc.org/children).

**Youth Ministry.** Sunday School for youth in grades 6-12 is at 9:00 a.m. in the Youth area (3rd floor). Youth will be dismissed to attend worship.

**Adult Sunday School.** We have a variety of adult Sunday School classes for you to choose from that meet at 9:00 a.m. Contact Lynne McAlexander at [mcalex974@aol.com](mailto:mcalex974@aol.com) for more information.

**Sit & Sew** meets each Monday and Wednesday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in Room 103 in the Christian Life Center (CLC). For more information call Marty Cobb at 901-277-4345 or [martystitches@aol.com](mailto:martystitches@aol.com).

**Group Exercise Classes at CLC.** Monday and Wednesday at 9 a.m. for Chair Aerobics; Tuesday and Thursday at 9 a.m. for Chair Yoga. Each class costs \$2 or we accept the Silver Sneakers benefit. These classes are for every age and every "body." For more information call Katie Taylor at 901-846-7368 or email [grouper@stlukesumc.org](mailto:grouper@stlukesumc.org).

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When Jesus saw her weeping,  
and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping,  
he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled.  
"Where have you laid him?" he asked.

"Come and see, Lord," they replied.

Jesus wept.

Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"

July 18, 2021

# Order of Worship

## Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 18, 2021

*The flowers on the altar are dedicated to the glory of God  
and are given in loving memory of Mrs. J.P. Reed  
from John, Judy, and Reed Rossetti.*

### CHIMING OF THE HOUR

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Phyllis Gay

### PRELUDE

Wes Kirkpatrick

### CALL TO WORSHIP

**Leader:** When I think of God's presence in the world, I am grateful:

**People:** Grateful for the presence of hope; grateful for the gift of life.

**Leader:** And when I think of God's presence in my life, I am humbled: Humbled by the gift of grace; humbled by the invitation to begin again.

**People:** And when I think of God's presence in this community, I am glad: Glad to be surrounded by holy people worshipping our Holy God.

**ALL:** Thank you all; thank you, God.

### OPENING HYMN *All Creatures of our God and King (v. 1-3)* UMH 62

(Led by Ronnie Gilmer)

1. All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voice and with us sing,  
O praise ye! Alleluia!  
O brother sun with golden beam,  
O sister moon with silver gleam!  
O praise ye! O praise ye!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. O brother wind, air, clouds, and rain,  
by which all creatures ye sustain,  
O praise ye! Alleluia!  
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,  
ye lights of evening, find a voice!  
O praise ye! O praise ye!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

3. O sister water, flowing clear,  
make music for thy Lord to hear,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
O brother fire who lights the night,  
providing warmth, enhancing sight,  
O praise ye! O praise ye!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

### WORD AND WONDER

*Children ages 4 through 3rd grade are dismissed to Children's Church.*

### PASTORAL PRAYER

### GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### UNISON OFFERTORY PRAYER

**Gracious God, accept these gifts, and with them our lives, to be used in your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### OFFERTORY

### DOXOLOGY

UMH 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### HYMN SING

*Just a Closer Walk*

TFWS 2158

1. I am weak, but thou art strong;  
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;  
I'll be satisfied as long  
as I walk, let me walk close to thee.

*Refrain:*

*Just a closer walk with thee,  
grant it, Jesus, is my plea,  
daily walking close to thee:  
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

*Tell me the Stories*

UMH 277

1. Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear;  
things I would ask him to tell me if he were here:  
scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,  
stories of Jesus, tell them to me.  
*Lord of the Dance*

UMH 261

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.  
At Bethlehem I had my birth.  
Dance, then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance said he.  
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,  
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

### SCRIPTURE

John 11:17-37

On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.

"Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask."

Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

"Yes, Lord," she replied, "I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."

After she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. "The Teacher is here," she said, "and is asking for you." When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who had been with Mary in the house, comforting her, noticed how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there.

When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. "Where have you laid him?" he asked.

"Come and see, Lord," they replied.

Jesus wept.

Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"

But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

### MESSAGE

Pastor Jim McKinney