

WESLEY MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Order of Worship
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 24, 2023

7:30 am

WELCOME

Rev. Jeff Patterson

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER

Mr. Donald Shaw

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray:

**Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly;
and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast
to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

HYMN

Oh Worship the King

LYONS

*O worship the King, all glorious above, O gratefully sing God's power and God's love; our
Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.*

*O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,
whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, and dark is God's path on the wings
of the storm.*

*The earth with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, thy power hath founded of old; hath
stablished it fast by a changeless decree, and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.*

*Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air, it shines in the light; it
streams from the hills, it descends to the plain, and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.*

*Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail; thy
mercies how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.*

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Timothy 1: 3-7

I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I

remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

This is the Word of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"We Are a Resilient People"

Rev. Jeff Patterson

SOLO

Blessing (Traditional Irish Blessing)

John Horman

May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be ever at your back, may the sunshine upon your face, and rains fall softly on your fields. May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be ever at your back, and 'til we meet again may God always hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand: hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand. Amen.

DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

Rev. Jeff Patterson

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Grand Choeur Dialogué

Eugène Gigout

PARTICIPATING TODAY

Reverend Dr. Jeff Patterson, Senior Pastor

Mr. Donald Shaw, Lector

Mr. Phillip Leach, Baritone Soloist

Mrs. Kristin Schwecke, Soprano Soloist

Mr. Frank Pifferetti, Director of Traditional Music Ministries and Organist

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