

# DUKE MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Service of Worship  
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday, October 10, 2021  
10:55 AM

## TOWER BELLS

## GATHERING

### WELCOME

Rev. Heather Rodrigues

### STEWARDSHIP 2021 | KEEP THE FIRE GOING

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### WELCOME STATEMENT

Scott Whiteman

As our Lord Jesus Christ calls us to love and accept every person, Duke Memorial United Methodist Church welcomes into our life together those of every age, race, ethnic background, nationality, gender identity, sexual orientation, family or socioeconomic status, educational background, and physical or mental ability. In our commitment to the reconciliation of all persons as beloved children of God, we celebrate our diversity and recognize the sacred worth and dignity of all. We invite you to join us in our faith journey toward discipleship in Christ with mutual respect, understanding, and love.

### PRELUDE

Fred Mason

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister Garrett Rocha

When God does not feel close we question.

Have you left us alone? Will you be far from us when trouble is near?

**Bless God who hears us when we call out.**

When stress makes days long and we are insulted by one,  
despised by another we question:

Are you close enough to hear our anguished groans?

**Bless God who can handle our harshest words,**

**Who knows grief need not be well-mannered and lament need not be civil.**

When our bodies become frail,

When the world looks to consume us,

When our courage melts like wax we question:

Will you rescue us?

**God offers no hollow words nor easy answers.**

**God waits with us soulfully in our sorrow.**

**Bless God who Blesses us.**

Based on Psalm 22 and ©Enfleshed

OPENING HYMN

Cyril Jolly

UMH (red) 121 | There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

WELLESLEY

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**God of all Creation and each of us,  
You tend to the cares of your world and the concerns of each of our hearts.  
We praise you for your faithfulness and ask you to continue tending  
To the lonely, the sick, the caretakers, the weary, and the grieving.  
Compassionate One, you know the many griefs that we carry.  
We come to you this night grieving the sin of racism.  
Some of us have carried this grief since our earliest days;  
Some of us are seeing and experiencing this grief for the first time.  
Be with us we pray.**

Adapted from 'Prayers of Lament, Confession, and Intercession'  
Second Presbyterian Church 2020

*Silence for Personal Confession*

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.  
Glory to God. Amen.**

PASSING THE PEACE

*Greet one another with signs of reconciliation and love.*  
The peace of Christ be with you, **and also with you.**

PROCLAMATION

CHILDREN'S TIME

Rev. Jennifer Ingold Asbill

Response Song

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Ada Milenkovic Brown

Gracious Lord, **like Job, we come to the word with many questions. Like the Pharisees, we come intent on right answers. As we turn to your word, Spirit of God, do not let our desire for information dominate our need for transformation. Let us hear the word and be moved to greater faith and obedience. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON | JOB 23:1-17 CEB

This is the word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON | HEBREWS 4:14-16 CEB

This is the word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL LESSON | JOHN 11:35 NRSV

This is the gospel of our Lord. **Glory to God. Amen.**

SERMON

Rev. Heather Rodrigues

## RESPONSE

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Following each petition:*  
Remind us, **Jesus wept**

... You are present in every place,  
In every moment in history.  
You are here and now.

**Weep alongside us. Remind us we pray.**

### RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Cooper Norris

Brenda and Scott Whiteman

UMH 34 | Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

*Candidate Responses...*

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

**We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.**

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**  
*\*universal*

UMH 38 | Commendation and Welcome

Siblings in Christ I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

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DOXOLOGY

Sanctuary Choir

UMH 94 | Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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SENDING FORTH

CLOSING HYMN

UMH 521 | I Want Jesus to Walk With Me

SOJOURNER

BENEDICTION

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

POSTLUDE

Fred Mason

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**New? Tell Us More** | We value building relationships across lines of difference, shared hobbies, passions, talents, and seasons of life. We hope to connect with you and one another inside and outside the church building.

We encourage you to take time to fill out the connect card, explore our Spiritual Formation groups, ministries for children and youth, and our ministries designed to connect the church to the world through service.

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