

SUNDAY WORSHIP SEPTEMBER 21, 2025 10:00 AM

WE GATHER TOGETHER PRAISING GOD

Greeting Introit Welcome

Call to Worship Joan Foster

One: Our God is an awesome God who breathed into emptiness and created all that is.

All: With love and care, God shaped the world in all its diversity with mountains and valleys, rivers and deserts, and people of all colors and sizes.

One: And threading through it all are beautiful dreams of justice, compassion, liberation, and peace.

All: O God, creator of our past, our present, and our future, we thank you for the many blessings you bestow on us each moment.

One: Be with us now. Draw near to us as we draw near to you.

All: Lead us in paths of righteousness. Fill our hearts with compassion and a thirst for justice. Teach us to be co-creators, with You, of a world where all belong and share in the abundance you have given us. Amen.

*Opening Hymn #371 Adapted

"I Stand Amazed in the Presence"

I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene, And wonder how he could love me, a sinner, condemned, unclean.

Refrain:

How marvelous! How wonderful! And my song shall ever be: How marvelous! How wonderful is my Savior's love for me!

Your words are written upon us, your passion our guide and key; To love our neighbor with kindness, our service to honor thee. *Refrain*

Inspire us, lead us and guide us, this message today we share. We pledge our treasures to God's grace in peace, in hope, in care. *Refrain*

Opening Prayer

Great God, who gathers us together in spirit and in truth, sanctify our time together. Grant us wisdom and discernment. Open our hearts to receive and to give. Be glorified in our worship and the transformation that moves us forward as your people. In your glorious and precious name, we pray. Amen.

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Time Louis Perez

Music to Lift Our Spirits

Scripture: Luke 16:1-13

Message: Children of the Light Rev. Lori Leopold

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE

Song of Prayer #382

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord" Vs 1 & 4

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Thou art the potter; I am the clay. Mold me and make me after thy will, While I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Hold o'er my being absolute sway. Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see Christ only, always, living in me!

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering/Offertory

*Doxology

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!

*Prayer of Dedication

Abundant God, may the gifts we give along with your miraculous power be sufficient to the needs of the community and a blessing to the world that you love. Amen.

*Closing Hymn #438

"Forth in Thy Name, O Lord" Vs 1, 2 & 4

Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go, my daily labor to pursue; Thee, only thee, resolved to know in all I think or speak or do.

The task thy wisdom hath assigned, 0 let me cheerfully fulfill: In all my works thy presence find, and prove thy good and perfect will.

For thee delightfully employ whate'er thy bounteous grace hath given; And run my course with even joy, and closely walk with thee to heaven.

*On Eagle's Wings #143

And God will raise you up on eagle's wings, Bear you on the breath of dawn, Make you to shine like the sun, And hold you in the palm of God's hand.

Assisting in Worship Today Worship Leader: Joan Foster Head Usher: Ken Brown Greeter: Malea Sandstrom

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^{*}Benediction



Thank you for worshipping with PB UMC today! You make this gathering richer, brighter, and better by your participation. *All* are welcome at PB UMC!

Our altar flowers today are from Patty Riddle in memory of her father, the Rev. Dr. Charles W. Riddle, an educational missionary to China, 1945-48, and to India, 1948-65.

We also celebrate Stephanie Johnson's birthday with flowers from her mother, Dorothy.

Sign up for weekly PBUMC emails to hear what's happening! Go to pbumc.org/news to sign up for weekly updates, the monthly Beach Breeze newsletter, the prayer chain and more.

For those who would like to be a member of PB UMC...you are welcome! New Member Information Forms are available on the white board out front and on the table in the church entryway. They can be filled out and placed in the offering plate or given to Pastor Lori anytime. For those who would like to learn more about the church, what United Methodists believe and how we serve God in the community and world, you are invited to a quarterly Belonging Gathering. **Our next Gathering** will be held on November 16th right after church.

For pastoral support or spiritual conversation, please contact Pastor Lori at the church office or by visiting pbumc.org/contact.

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