



# First United Methodist Church

Order of Worship

Sunday, November 15, 2020 | 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

THE PRELUDE

THE GREETING AND WORDS OF WELCOME

The Rev<sup>d</sup> Dr. Mark Conforti

THE GATHERING HYMN: NO. 399

MESSIAH

*Take My Life, and Let It Be*



1. Take my life, and let it be con - se - cra - ted, Lord, to thee.  
2. Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King.  
3. Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.



Take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.  
Take my lips, and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.



Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love.  
Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would I with - hold.  
Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its trea - sure - store.



Take my feet, and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
Take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.  
Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we confess that we have sinned against you by not honoring you or one another. When we place our iniquities before you, it is your love that sheds light on our wayward deeds. As we stand in awe of your constancy for us, we ask your forgiveness through the mercy of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Sisters and brothers,  
When we acknowledge our human limitations  
and turn to depend upon our everlasting God,  
we grow wise in heart to God's commands.  
You are freed to love one another,  
and your sins are forgiven by the mercy of Christ.  
Glory to God. Amen!

THE DOXOLOGY NO. 95

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be - low;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*unison*)

Come, Holy Spirit,  
Open our minds and hearts this day,  
that we may be illumined by your living Word  
and walk together as children of light. Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 90:1-12

THE GRADUAL

O God, Our Help

arr. Tommy Walker

God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!

Under the shadow of thy throne, thy saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Oh God, you are, you are our help, you are our helper,  
To all generations you will be forever and ever  
our shield and our eternal hope, oh Lord,  
You are the Ancient of Days and worthy of our praise!

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,  
from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
be thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home!

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#### GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 25:14-30

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

#### SERMON

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*responsively*)

UMH 883

**W**e are not alone, we live in God's world.  
**We believe in God:**

who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others by the Spirit.  
We trust in God.

**We are called to be the church:**

to celebrate God's presence,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.**

**We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

#### OFFERING

#### THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING



1. A charge to keep I have, a God to glo - ri - fy,
2. To serve the pres - ent age, my call - ing to ful - fill;
3. Arm me with jeal - ous care, as in thy sight to live,
4. Help me to watch and pray, and on thy - self re - ly,



a nev - er - dy - ing soul to save, and fit it for the sky.  
O may it all my powers en - gage to do my Mas - ter's will!  
and oh, thy ser - vant, Lord, pre - pare a strict ac - count to give!  
as - sured, if I my trust be - tray, I shall for - ev - er die.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

**O**ur 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.

And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

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

BLESSING AND COMMISSION

THE POSTLUDE

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THE FLOWERS ADORNING THE CHANCEL ARE GIVEN TO THE GREATER GLORY OF GOD  
AND IN HONOR OF THE DEDICATED STAFF OF FUMC WHO HAVE WORKED HARD  
TO LEAD US THROUGH THESE DIFFICULT TIMES.  
GIVEN BY ANNE WILSON.

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THOSE LEADING TODAY'S SERVICE

The Reverend Dr. Mark Conforti	Senior Pastor
The Reverend Stacey Lundy	Associate Pastor
Mr. Austin Hedrick	Acolyte
Mr. Austin Massaquoi	Acolyte
Mr. Joshua Starnes	Director of Music and Organist
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