

Prelude *Air from Overture in D Major* J.S. Bach  
Narmina Aliyeva, organ

Passing of the Peace\* Rev. Lou Seipel

Call to Worship\* *\*Rise in body or spirit*

People tremble and it runs through the whole earth  
when confronted with the great and majestic power of God.  
**We praise God's great and holy name.**  
God's love for the world is revealed in acts of justice and righteousness.  
**We bow down before God's holy presence.**  
God heard and answered the cries of Moses and Aaron and Samuel,  
who experienced God's righteousness as both judgment and grace.  
**God's word of judgment and grace comes to us still,  
not in a pillar of cloud, but through the person of Jesus Christ.**  
We praise God for the Word made flesh present among us,  
full of grace and truth

Opening Hymn\* *God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale* UMH #122

**God of the sparrow  
God of the whale  
God of the swirling stars  
How does the creature say Awe  
How does the creature say Praise**

**God of the earthquake  
God of the storm  
God of the trumpet blast  
How does the creature cry Woe  
How does the creature cry Save**

**God of the rainbow  
God of the cross  
God of the empty grave  
How does the creature say Grace  
How does the creature say Thanks**

**God of the hungry  
God of the sick  
God of the prodigal  
How does the creature say Care  
How does the creature say Life**

**God of the neighbor  
God of the foe  
God of the pruning hook  
How does the creature say Love  
How does the creature say Peace**

God of the ages  
God near at hand  
God of the loving heart  
How do your children say Joy  
How do your children say Home

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Hebrew Bible Reading Exodus 15:1-5 Randy Gabel

Children's Moments Rev. Lou Seipel  
(After the conclusion of today's Children's Moments, children 4 years old-3<sup>rd</sup> grade are invited to attend Children's Church in South Fellowship Hall until the end of the worship service.)

Special Music All Earth Rejoice with a Gladsome Voice Antonio Vivaldi  
Chancel Choir with Narmina Aliyeva, piano arr. Hopson  
Collection of Prayer Cards

Season of Prayer Rev. Lou Seipel  
Silent Prayer  
Pastoral Prayer  
The Lord's Prayer

Offering in Ministries and Gifts

Offertory Music Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah arr. Jeremy Casella  
Tim Berridge and Friends

Doxology\* Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow 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!

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Offertory Prayer\*  
Gracious and generous God, we give you our offerings as an expression of our love for you. We pray our gifts will be used to extend your kingdom with our neighbors everywhere. May you, the God of all grace, make us holy, strong, and filled with peace. To you be glory and honor forever and ever. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Hebrew Bible Reading Exodus 14:19-31 Randy Gabel

Sermon Free at Last Rev. Lou Seipel

Closing Hymn\* He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought (vs. 1-3) UMH #128  
He leadeth me: O blessed thought!  
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!  
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,  
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

He leadeth me, He leadeth me,  
By his own hand he leadeth me;  
His faithful follower I would be,  
For by his hand he leadeth me.

Sometimes midscenes of deepest gloom,  
Sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,  
By waters still, o'er troubled sea,  
Still 'tis his hand that leadeth me.

He leadeth me, He leadeth me,  
By his own hand he leadeth me;  
His faithful follower I would be,  
For by his hand he leadeth me.

Lord, I would place my hand in thine,  
Nor ever murmur nor repine;  
Content, whatever lot I see,  
Since 'tis my God that leadeth me.

He leadeth me, He leadeth me,  
By his own hand he leadeth me;  
His faithful follower I would be,  
For by his hand he leadeth me.

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Benediction\*

Rev. Lou Seipel

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you, wherever he may send you.  
May he guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm.  
May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you.  
May he bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.

Postlude

*Triumphal March*  
Narmina Aliyeva, organ

P. Tchaikovsky

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### Announcements

**Altar flowers:** The altar flowers today are given by Dave & Barb Danielson in celebration of their 57<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

If you would like to contribute altar flowers for our Sunday 10am service in honor or memory of loved ones, or to celebrate a life event, please sign up on the church flower calendar by the "semi-octagon" table in the church lobby.

**Livestreamed Service:** The 10am service is being livestreamed on our YouTube channel.

**Weekly Offering (electronically):** Go to <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z2ZG/home>

**Events today:** Early service, 9 am • Regular service, 10 am • Hospitality, 11am • Jubilee Ringers, 11:30 am • Columbus Rings, 6pm • Impact, 6pm

**Financial Wellness Saving Grace workshop** begins tomorrow Monday, September 18, at 7pm in Dixon Lounge. The church office has participant workbooks available. Contact the church office or Pastor Dom for more information.

**WUMC Name Tags:** Let others know who you are! If you are missing your name tag, need a new one, or never received one, please sign up at the Friendship Desk in the church lobby.

**CROP Walk 2023:** The CROP Walk this year will be on **Sunday, October 1**, at 2pm. The Westerville/Worthington walk has been absorbed by the Columbus walk. The Columbus walk will be at the Scioto Audubon Metro Park, Maier Place Pavilion. Registration will begin at 1pm and the walk will begin at 2pm. For more information, contact Amy Wingerter at [winger896@gmail.com](mailto:winger896@gmail.com)

**Worthington Interfaith Neighbors Conversation Partners Program:** The 16-session program meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month. The next topic (on September 19) is: Tech Schools/Colleges/training. To sign up or for more information, contact Jim Heilman at [conversationpartnerswin@gmail.com](mailto:conversationpartnerswin@gmail.com)

**Jubilee Ringers:** Have you ever wanted to learn to ring handbells? Now's your chance! The Jubilee Ringers begin their fall rehearsals today at 11:30am and they have room for YOU! The Jubilee Ringers rehearse every Sunday from 11:30am-12:30p in the Fellowship Hall. They play for the 10am worship service once a month. Contact Jarod Ogier ([jarod.ogier@gmail.com](mailto:jarod.ogier@gmail.com)) for details, or just stop by today after worship and see what bell ringing is all about.

**Sojourn:** The Young Adult Ministry program for people in their 20s and 30s is beginning September 20. This ministry combines thoughtful scripture study with heartfelt care for one another. We meet on Zoom the first Wednesday of each month and in-person on the third Wednesday of each month. Our conversations will last from 8-8:30 pm. Next meeting is **Wednesday, September 20** at 7pm in Dixon Lounge. Contact Pastor Dom for the Zoom link, or email him at [dominic@worthingtonumc.com](mailto:dominic@worthingtonumc.com) for more info.

**Volunteers needed for the Hospitality & Fellowship hour following Sunday worship:** We need help for setup and cleanup duties, as well as for providing cookies and other treats. for more information, contact Sally Falk ([baxfal@aol.com](mailto:baxfal@aol.com)) or visit the Signup Genius page listed here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0a4ea9ab28a4f85-wumc#/>

**Children's Music Programs (Choir and Bells):** All kids enjoy making music and this is their opportunity to participate in our Children's music programs! The fall schedule resumes on Thursday, September 14. Every Thursday, Children's Choir will begin at 6:30pm and Children's Bells will begin at 7pm. Contact Ashley ([ashley@worthingtonumc.com](mailto:ashley@worthingtonumc.com)) or Tim Byrer ([tbyrer333@gmail.com](mailto:tbyrer333@gmail.com)) for more information.

**Attendance Card:** Let us know you are here this morning by filling out our Friendship & Attendance card or use our virtual card! Go to <https://forms.gle/x31z6SFh1zFiasTn9>

**Next Week's Lectionary:** Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 or Psalm 78; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16

**Greeters:** Laurie & Tim Moats, Meg Birmingham, Debby & Jerry Colvin, Jo Donham, Paul George

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