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# Church of the SAVIOUR

UNITED METHODIST

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JUNE 26, 2022 | 11:00 AM | WORSHIP GUIDE

## ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

### WELCOME

### PRELUDE

*Prelude in C Major*

Music by J.S. Bach

### † CALL TO WORSHIP

† indicates the congregation should stand

L: Throughout the ages, disciples have said, "I will follow You wherever You go."

**P: Lord, give us the freedom to follow You in the ways of love.**

L: We come from busy homes, filled with little time to consider Christ in our lives.

**P: Lord, give us the strength to follow You in the ways of peace.**

L: In times of struggle, we look to God for help.

**P: Lord, give us the opportunity to follow You in the ways of kindness.**

L: Today, we celebrate the Holy Spirit, who shows us the joy of following God.

**P: Lord, give us the patience to follow You in the ways of faith. Amen.**

### † PROCESSIONAL HYMN 117

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

ST. ANNE

### † PRAYER

**Holy One, we come before You today: full of hope, full of desire, full of promise. Help us take up the mantle of faith You have laid before us, that we may use our own gifts of the Spirit to face the challenges before us. Help us face the turmoil within and around us, that we may face the future unafraid. Show us Your way, Your truth, and Your life. Amen.**

# SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Jeffrey and Samantha present Lincoln Timothy Zeisler

Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

We present Lincoln Timothy Zeisler for baptism.

## RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

The vow of the parents:

On behalf of the whole church, I ask you:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

**I do.**

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

**I do.**

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in His grace, and promise to serve Him as your Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations and races?

**I do.**

Will you nurture Lincoln in Christ's holy church, that by your teaching and example he may be guided to accept God's grace for himself, to profess his faith openly, and to lead a Christian life?

**I will.**

The vow of the godparents:

Will you walk alongside Lincoln's parents and nurture Lincoln in Christ's holy church, that by your teaching and example he may be guided to accept God's grace for himself, to profess his faith openly, and to lead a Christian life?

**I will.**

The vow of the congregation:

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 Cohen 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 Lincoln with a community of love and forgiveness, that he may grow in his trust of God, and be found faithful in his service to others. We will pray for him, that he may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.**

## THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Eternal Father: When nothing existed but chaos . . . Their children You brought through the Jordan to the land which you promised.

*Sung response*



Sing to the Lord, all the earth, tell of God's mer-cy each day.

In the fullness of time You sent Jesus . . . to share in the baptism of His death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations.

*Sung response*



De - clare his works to the na - tions,



his glo - ry a - mong all the peo - ple.

Pour out Your Holy Spirit, to bless this gift of water and he who receives it . . . that, dying and being raised with Christ, he may share in His final victory.

*Sung response*



All praise to you, e - ter - nal Fa - ther, through your Son,



Je - sus Christ, who with you and the Ho - ly Spir - it



lives and reigns for - ev - er. A - men.

## BAPTISM WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS

Lincoln Timothy, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

The Holy Spirit work within you, that being born through water and the Spirit you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

Now it is our joy to welcome our new brother in Christ.

**Through baptism you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as a member of the family of Christ.**

## INTRODUCTION TO THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH

### ANTHEM

*You Are Mine*

Arranged by Mark Hayes

I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear. You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice, be still and know I am here. I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see. In the shadows of the night I will be your light, come and rest in Me. Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name. Come and follow Me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are Mine. I am strength for all the despairing, healing for the ones who dwell in shame. All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and all will know My name. I am the Word that leads all to freedom, I am the peace the world cannot give. I will call your name embracing all your pain. Stand up, now walk, and live!

## LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

### CALL TO THE WORD

We have each been fashioned for a unique purpose; each been given unique gifts; each been blessed with varying abilities. During times of turmoil and transition, we can choose to become stagnant, or we can choose to be transformed by God's love. When we choose transformation, we choose to fully share in the vision of a community led by the Spirit. When we follow Christ, we take up his mantle, moving forward together. As we hear today's reading from 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings, may we find the courage to say, "I will follow you wherever you go."

### † OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

### SERMON

*Passing the Baton*

Pastor Jenn Lucas

# RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious Lord, you have blessed us with freedom—freedom to follow or to turn away; freedom to love or to hate; freedom to heal or to hurt. You ask only that we follow your ways, loving our neighbors as ourselves. Amid our turbulent lives, help us find teachers to show us the gifts you set within us. And help us claim these gifts today. Amen**

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

**L:** Harvest the fruit of the Spirit, freely given by God, and share it freely with others. Know that you are loved and forgiven. Trust that you are treasured, now and always.

**P:** **Thanks be to God!**

## 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. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

To make your weekly gift, use one of these options:

- **Collection Plate:** passed through the pews and chairs
- **Realm eGiving:** [www.cos-umc.org/give](http://www.cos-umc.org/give) (click GIVE)
- **Text to Give:** Text GIVECOS to 73256 (follow the prompts)
- **Online Bill Pay:** (no fee to the church, no postage for you)
- **Mail a Check:** Attn: Contributions Secretary

## OFFERTORY

*Hymn of Praise*

Arranged by David Lowe

## † DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## † PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Receive our humble offerings, O Lord, for Your work in the world. Bless those who give, those who send, and those who will receive these gifts. May our offering sow seeds of hope and bear the fruit of love wherever they are sown. Amen

## DEPART WITH GOD'S BLESSING

### † RECESSIONAL HYMN 545

*The Church's One Foundation*

AURELIA

## † BENEDICTION

May the transforming love of God work in your lives, today and always. Go forth into the world with peace, love, and joy. Follow Christ wherever he leads you. Fulfill the promise found in the fruit of the Spirit. Amen

## † POSTLUDE

*Fantasy on FOUNDATION*

Arranged by Alice Jordan

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## IN WORSHIP TODAY

### ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given by Sam and Susan Varghese in honor of Pastor Jenn, and with gratitude for her 8 years of dedicated service to our COS Church Family.

### WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Jenn Lucas, *Senior Pastor*

Rev. Jayk Hinze, *Youth Pastor*

Nolan Anderson, *Acolyte*

Britt Raymond, *Lay Reader*

Joe Galyon, *Director of Worship and Arts*

Nick Stockburger, *Director of Contemporary Worship and Media*

Musicians, *groups*

Mark Quarry, *Audio Tech*

Gwen Josche, *Presentation Operator*

Katherine Ehlers, *Video Mixer*

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