

† Please stand as you are able. The congregation may join in by reciting **the words in bold.**

Prayer and Attendance Cards: Please help us take attendance by writing your name on the prayer card (in the buckets) that is most appropriate for you. You may also write a prayer concern and hold it for prayers of the people.

Prelude Desiree Davis-Omburo
Welcome and Announcements Rosemary Marlowe

Chiming the Trinity

Call to Worship—Psalm 91:1-1-6, 9-11, 14-16 (CEB) Bob Newlin

Living in the Most High’s shelter, camping in the Almighty’s shade,

² **I say to the LORD, “You are my refuge, my stronghold! You are my God—the one I trust!”**

³ God will save you from the hunter’s trap and from deadly sickness.

⁴ **God will protect you with his pinions; you’ll find refuge under his wings.**

His faithfulness is a protective shield.

⁵ Don’t be afraid of terrors at night, arrows that fly in daylight, ⁶or sickness that prowls in the dark, destruction that ravages at noontime.

⁹ **Because you’ve made the LORD my refuge, the Most High, your place of residence—**

¹⁰ no evil will happen to you; no disease will come close to your tent.

¹¹ **Because he will order his messengers to help you, to protect you wherever you go.**

¹⁴ God says, “Because you are devoted to me,

I’ll rescue you. I’ll protect you because you know my name.

¹⁵ Whenever you cry out to me, I’ll answer.

I’ll be with you in troubling times.

I’ll save you and glorify you.

¹⁶ I’ll fill you full with old age.

I’ll show you my salvation.”

† **Opening Song** “Sanctuary”(x2) **TFWS 2164**

Young Disciples Time Autumn Boyer

At this time the young disciples may come forward for a young disciples’ message, and afterwards they may proceed to the nursery or return to their seat.

Glory Moments Rebecca Turner
At this time, people are invited to share how they have seen or experienced God recently.

Prayer for Illumination Bob Newlin
Living God, help us so to hear your Word that we may truly understand; that, in understanding, we may believe; and in believing, we may follow your way in all faithfulness, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do. Amen.

Old Testament Reading Exodus 32:1-14 Herb Schwarze
Gospel Reading Matthew 22:1-14

Leader: this is the word of God for us the people of God, **thanks be to God!**

Prayer of Confession Rebecca Turner
Lord, you are one, the Lord our God; yet, we confess the idolatry of worshiping and placing our trust in things and people who are not you. We elevate politicians into saviors, though they are as broken as we are. We also have failed to put on the robe of service and love towards our neighbors and have failed the “dress rehearsal” for your banquet; we have failed to love ourselves well, also. Forgive us, Lord. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin and put a new robe on us, to serve you and others. In this moment, help us to let go of what you are calling us to let go of, so we might be free to receive the healing and loving presence of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon Rebecca Turner
Persistently, patiently, lovingly, God pours out grace and joy into our lives, healing our brokenness, forgiving our sin.
Loved, we are sent to love; forgiven, we are freed to forgive; graced, we can offer our gifts to our neighbors we meet.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

Choir Anthem “The Lord Is A Mighty God” by Felix Mendelssohn/arranged by Michael Burkhardt

Sermon

Linnie Skidmore

Hymn

“Come Ye Sinners to the Gospel Feast”

UMH 339

Tithes and Offerings

The Doxology (UMH 94)

Dedicating our gifts to God

Bob Newlin

Desiree Davis-Omburo

Prayers of the People

Pastor Adam

If you have a prayer concern you would like for us to pray for in this service, you may write it on a prayer card and raise it in the air for an usher to collect.

The Lord’s Prayer

†**Closing Song**

“Trust and Obey”

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†**Benediction**

Pastor Adam

†**Chiming the Trinity**

†**Postlude**

Desiree Davis-Omburo

Announcements:

- Thanks to all who came out yesterday and helped pull weeds at the Yard Work Day!
- Please pick up a new October-November Calendar on your way out.
- **“How to Fight Racism”** video study by Jemar Tisbey resumes **tomorrow @ noon in the Fellowship Hall**. You do not have to have attended the first sessions to join us. It’s a “bag lunch” discussion, so bring your lunch with you!
- Mark your calendars for **Octoberfest on Saturday, October 28th @ 4:30-7 PM**
- **Coffee with the Pastor is cancelled** this Wednesday, as Pastor Adam and Meghan will be taking a “staycation” during Meghan’s Fall Break.
- Please plan to be at church and mark your calendars for **Consecration Sunday on November, 12!** There will be a Celebration Lunch following. Details forthcoming.
- Mark your calendars **for Sunday, November 26 @ 5-7 PM** for our CCoM Harvest Feast and Fellowship.

Parkwood UMC Worship Service

October 15, 2023



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Laity Sunday

Sunday, October 15, 2023 • 21st Sunday after Pentecost