

ORDER OF WORSHIP - August 16, 2020

Gathering Thoughts:

*"And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here;
for God sent me before you to preserve life."*

- Genesis 45:5

Prelude

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Call to Worship: [Psalm 67:1, 3-7]

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,

People: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Leader: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and
guide the nations upon earth.

People: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Leader: The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

People: May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

Unison Prayer:

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

**God of love and mercy, we give you thanks that the compassion of Christ was
challenged to move beyond the people of one community. May it be a reminder to us, his
disciples, to follow this example in our living and our giving. Help us to see beyond our
walls, beyond our communities, and across the divides of nation, race and creed, and to
be generous as we share our blessings that have their source in you, God of us all. We
pray in the name of our rock and redeemer; in Christ, we pray, Amen.**

Opening Hymn: "Freely, Freely"

UM Hymnal # 389

Scripture: Genesis 45:1-15

Sermon: **"Part of the Plan"**

Pastor Kent Jackson

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication
Doxology

Closing Hymn: "In Christ There Is No East Or West"

UM Hymnal # 548

Benediction

Postlude

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