

## ORDER OF WORSHIP - August 23, 2020

Gathering Thoughts:

*"Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman."*

- Exodus 2:1

Prelude

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Call to Worship: [Psalm 138:1-2, 7-8]

Leader: I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

**People: I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;**

Leader: for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

**People: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;**

Leader: you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

**People: The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

Unison Prayer:

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

**Almighty God, we have failed to do justice. We have failed to show mercy to others but expect it for ourselves. We have forgotten to be kind. Wake us up to see the violence, the injustice and oppression in our world. Call us away from the worldly ways of looking after ourselves and our loved ones, and to Your ways of seeing all of Your people as our kin, all of creation as our home. Forgive us, help us to repent, to turn to You and to live into your ways of justice, peace and mercy. Amen.**

Silent Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon

**God knows our hearts, and God knows when we desire to change how we view the world and how we live. God will help us onto right paths. God forgives us, and restores us, to do God's work in this world. Know that you are a beloved child of God, and that there is always the time to do something new. Share the Good News.**

Opening Hymn: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" UM Hymnal # 127

Scripture: Exodus 1:8-2:10

Sermon: **"All things work together for good."** Pastor Kent Jackson

Special Music: "God Will Make A Way" Don Moen

Blessing of the Prayer Shawls

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn: "Trust and Obey" UM Hymnal # 467

Benediction

Postlude

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