GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

Sunday, September 21, 2025

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

*Call to Worship

Audean Gagliardy

Leader: Praise the Lord, all nations! People: Extol the Lord, all peoples!

Leader: The Lord's steadfast love toward us is great! People: The faithfulness of the Lord endures for ever!

All: Praise the Lord!

*Praise Songs

Praise Band

Prayer

Audean Gagliardy

Our nation has been deeply shaken by the violence that took the life of Charlie Kirk. Today, we grieve. We pause. We remember. We mourn. In this dark moment, at this crossroads of despair, we humbly ask You, Lord, do not let our hearts grow bitter. Instead, grant us Your abundant grace, that we may trust in a good and living God and turn to You fully. We hold fast to the hope of Jesus, a hope that transcends all divisions—liberals, conservatives, Republicans, Democrats. As a diverse community, we lift up our prayers for our nation, asking God to bring comfort, peace, healing, hope, new life, and unity. In the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, we pray. Amen.

Anthem:

Choir

Children's Moment

Darcy Young

*Hymn: "Come, Christians Join to Sing"

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Scripture Reading:

Luke 6:27-36 (selected verses)

Audean Gagliardy

²⁷ "But I say to you who are willing to hear: Love your enemies. Do good to those who hate you...²⁹ If someone slaps you on the cheek, offer the other one as well. If someone takes your coat, don't withhold your shirt either...³¹ Treat people in the same way that you want them to treat you. 32 "If you love those who love you, why should you be commended? Even sinners love those who love them. ³³ If you do good to those who do good to you, why should you be commended? Even sinners do that...³⁵ Instead, love your enemies, do good, and lend expecting nothing in return. If you do, you will have a great reward. You will be acting the way children of the Most High act, for he is kind to ungrateful and wicked people. ³⁶ Be compassionate just as your Father is compassionate.

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message: Love Your Enemies

Pastor Sung Ho Lee

The People Bring Their Gifts

The baskets will be passed or you may use the UMCL app

*"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH #95

Sharing Joys and Concerns

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, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Hymn: "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

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*Benediction

Postlude

*please stand if you are able