

# Unity Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 24, 2023

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Lighting of the Candles (quiet please)

**Gathering of God's People**

**Choral Call to Worship**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

One: Praise the Lord.

**All: Let us praise God together.**

One: For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God's steadfast love;

**All: As far as the east is from the west, so far God removes our sins.**

One: Let us rejoice in God's gracious presence.

**All: Let us praise the God of mercy together.**

**Morning Prayer**

+Hymn of Praise SH# 56 "This Is My Father's World"

+Call to Confession

+Prayer of Confession

*Almighty God, we confess that at times we are looking for the wrong things. We seek signs that you are with us, rather than recognizing your presence is with us in all times. We seek assurances that we are going the right direction, hesitant to follow you as you called us to do. Help us to be brave, O God, and to move forward in faith, knowing you are with us. Give us courage, O God, to trust in your ways. Guide us, O God, in wisdom and insight, to follow you, for you are the way, the truth, and the life. It is in the name of Christ we pray. Amen. (Silent Prayer)*

+Assurance of Pardon

+Passing the Peace

**Our Life Together (See Insert)**

**Service of the Word**

**Children's Time**

**Outstanding Older Adult Presentation**

**Anthem**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture:**

**Genesis 1: 29-30**

**Sermon: Haiti Reforestation Partnership Presentation**

**Responding in Faith**

**+Hymn of Adoration SH# 281**

**"What a Friend"**

**+Affirmation of Faith**

**+The Apostles' Creed**

**+Gloria Patri**

**Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer**

**Giving of our Tithes and Offerings**

**+The Doxology**

**+Prayer of Dedication**

**Sending Out into the World**

**+Hymn of Commitment SH# 160 (Verse 1) "Blest Be the Tie"**

**Charge and Benediction**

**Choral Benediction**

**Postlude**

**+ Please stand as you are able**

**Thanks to Clerk of Session- Elder Adrian Johnson for preparing and leading this outstanding worship service.**

**Welcome to Unity Presbyterian Church!**

We are happy you are worshipping with us this morning. If you would like to know more about us, please ask. We love to share the Unity story.

Please sign the visitor book in the vestibule so we can have a record of your visit.

Children's Bulletins and Clip Boards available in the Vestibule.

## Calendar of Events

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To receive **phone tree calls**, **add someone to the prayer list**, or **to send out a prayer request**, please contact Rebecca O'Dell.

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**Cleaning**

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