

## ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 2020

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: There is a season for everything and a time for every matter under the heavens  
**All: There is a time for planting and a time for uprooting what was planted**  
One: A time for crying and a time for laughing  
**All: A time for mourning and a time for dancing**  
One: A time for embracing and a time for avoiding embraces  
**All: A time for searching and a time for losing**  
One: A time for keeping and a time for throwing away  
**All: In every time and season, the Spirit is with us and our lives are held within God's care**

**\*HYMN**                      2051 (FWS)            *I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry*

"I was there to hear your borne cry,  
I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,  
to see your life unfold.  
I was there when you were but a child,  
with a faith to suit you well;  
In a blaze of light you wandered off  
to find where demons dwell."

"When you heard the wonder of the Word  
I was there to cheer you on;  
You were raised to praise the living Lord,  
to whom you now belong.  
If you find someone to share your time  
and you join your hearts as one,  
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme  
from dusk 'till rising sun."

In the middle ages of your life,  
not too old, no longer young,  
I'll be there to guide you through the night,  
complete what I've begun.  
When the evening gently closes in,  
and you shut your weary eyes,  
I'll be there as I have always been  
with just one more surprise."

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I'll be there when you are old.  
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to see your life unfold."**

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**OPENING PRAYER**

**Loving God, we know that the only constant in life is change, but unwanted or unexpected change can be stressful and confusing. It can seem less like opportunity and more like danger. These days we find ourselves in a season of change where life no longer looks the way it used to, and the future is yet uncertain. When we begin to feel overwhelmed by grief, or fear, or anger, remind us of what is unchanging and eternal – your inexhaustible love and sustaining grace, made known to us through Jesus Christ. May the security of that love and grace, and constant presence of your Spirit, enable us to weather life’s changes, regardless of their outcomes. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING** John 12:20-26

**MESSAGE** “Everything Changes”

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**HYMN** 517 (UMH) *By Gracious Powers*

**By gracious powers so wonderfully sheltered,  
and confidently waiting, come what may,  
we know that God is with us night and morning,  
and never fails to greet us each new day.**

**Yet is this heart by its old foe tormented,  
still evil days bring burdens hard to bear;  
O give our frightened souls the sure salvation  
for which, O Lord, you taught us to prepare.**

**And when this cup you give is filled to brimming  
with bitter sorrow, hard to understand,  
we take it thankfully and without trembling,  
out of so good and so beloved a hand.**

**Yet when again in this same world you give us  
the joy we had, the brightness of your sun,  
we shall remember all the days we lived through,  
and our whole life shall then be yours alone.**

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## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

### **OFFERTORY MUSIC**

#### **CLOSING HYMN**     *Unless a Grain of Wheat*

**Unless a grain of wheat shall fall upon the ground and die,  
it remains but a single grain with no life.  
If we have died with him then we shall live with him;  
if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

**Unless a grain of wheat shall fall upon the ground and die,  
it remains but a single grain with no life.  
If any one serves me then they must follow me;  
wherever I am my servants will be.**

**Unless a grain of wheat shall fall upon the ground and die,  
it remains but a single grain with no life.  
Make your home in me as I make mine in you;  
those who remain in me bear much fruit.**

**Unless a grain of wheat shall fall upon the ground and die,  
it remains but a single grain with no life.  
If you remain in me and my word lives in you,  
then you will be my disciples.**

**Unless a grain of wheat shall fall upon the ground and die,  
it remains but a single grain with no life.  
Those who love me are loved by my Father;  
we shall be with them and dwell in them.**

**Unless a grain of wheat shall fall upon the ground and die,  
it remains but a single grain with no life.  
Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you;  
peace which the world cannot give is my gift.**

**Unless a grain of wheat shall fall upon the ground and die,  
it remains but a single grain with no life.**

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## **BLESSING AND SENDING**