

## PCN WORSHIP ORDER

*As we enter, let us quietly prepare to worship God.  
Please silence all cell phones so that we might have a reverent service.*

10:00 a.m.

September 21, 2025

**PRELUDE**

Art Maramba

**WELCOME**

Rev. Dr. Tony Stiff

**CHORAL INTROIT**      “Down to the River to Pray”

**COMMUNITY CALL TO WORSHIP**

Ray Shanahan

L: We gather to worship the God who was clothed in our flesh, who experienced our struggles, who moved into our neighborhood.

**U: Lord, we boldly draw near to Your throne because You have drawn near to us with love and understanding.**

L: Let us worship the Lord whose strength is found in empathy, whose thoughts and emotions are never far from us.

**U: We draw near to You, Lord Jesus, to the Great High Priest, who prays for each of us by name.**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**\*OPENING SONG**      “God Weeps with Us Who Weep and Mourn”

**TEACHER COMMISSIONING**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

Sydney Fletcher

*Prayer requests will be collected at this time.*

*Children are dismissed to go to Sunday School. (Sunday School is available for ages birth to 3 in the nursery/room 2; Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade in room 1, high school in the couch room. **Parents/Guardians, please pick up your child/ren from their classrooms directly following the worship service.**)*

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

## LAYING DOWN OUR BURDENS

God of empathy, forgive us for hardening our hearts toward those who are grieving or are touched by loss. Forgive us for being uncompassionate toward those who carry trauma within their bodies from experiences we cannot observe. Remind us that we are called to carry each other's burdens, to rejoice with those who rejoice and mourn with those who mourn. You moved into our neighborhood and experienced all our struggles. Help us, from that same place of empathy, care for our neighbors, we pray. Amen.

## PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

**\*PRAISE RESPONSE** "Glory Be to the Father"  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen. Amen.

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION** Catherine Kuroki

**GOD'S WORD READ** Hebrew Scripture – Psalms 86:5-7  
New Testament – Hebrews 4:15-16

**GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED** "The Strength of an Empathetic God"  
Hebrews 4:14-16  
Pastor Tony

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC** "Battle Belongs to You"

**PRAYERS WITH AND FOR ONE ANOTHER** Pastor Tony  
**U:** 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING** Pastor Tony

## OFFERING

**OFFERTORY** Art Maramba

**\*DOXOLOGY**  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him, all creatures here below  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION** Pastor Tony

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## MOMENT FOR COMMUNITY

**\*CLOSING SONG** "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

**\*SENT TO PUT FAITH IN PRACTICE** Pastor Tony  
L: Let us go into the world  
**U: To be the church**  
L: A beacon of hope  
**U: Reviving the world through God's love. Amen.**

**\*MUSICAL BENEDICTION** "You Shall Go Out with Joy"

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE** – *as you exit the sanctuary, you are invited to share the peace of Christ with your immediate neighbors by saying, "The Peace of Christ be with you."*

## POSTLUDE



*Each Sunday we encourage you to join us from 11:15 a.m. to 12 p.m. on the patio or in Trevitt Hall for coffee, conversation, and fellowship.*