

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### CHIMES

#### MORNING GREETING

L: God has called here today to bless us with grace and mercy. May we always be grateful for God's never ending love for us.

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

REAPPOINTMENT OF REV. MELINDA TETER DODGE  
Gretchen Hardison & Mary Kate McBride

#### \*INVITATION TO WORSHIP

L: We have gathered from our different places to worship here.

**P: How good it is to worship together in unity!**

L: We come from our different occupations, our diverse activities.

**P: How good it is to worship together in unity!**

L: We come as unique individuals, bound together in the love of Christ.

**P: How good it is to worship together in unity!**  
**Amen!**

#### \*OPENING HYMN

**Freely, Freely** - UMH # 389 (v. 1-2)

#### \*GREETING IN THE FELLOWSHIP OF CHRIST

#### SPECIAL MUSIC

**Thankful** (D. Foster, C. B. Sager and R. Page)  
- Owen Lovejoy, soloist

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### JOYS & CONCERNS

#### MORNING PRAYER (IN UNISON)

**Merciful God, we boldly pray to you, confident that you will not reject us. In spite of our human failings, your love continues to draw us together. Be with us today, as we rejoice in the power of your love. Sing with us today, as we proclaim the good news of your grace. Dance with us today, as we celebrate the unity we share in Christ. We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ as we come to our time of silent prayer . . .**

#### SILENT PRAYER

#### PASTORAL PRAYER

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**The Lord's Prayer** - UMH # 895

#### CENTERING HYMN

**My Faith Looks Up to Thee** - UMH # 452 (v. 1-4)

#### SCRIPTURE READING

**Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28**

#### SERMON

**Dream a Little Dream** - Rev. Melinda Teter-Dodge

#### OFFERING

L: We have been blessed by the gifts God gives us.  
So too are we blessed when we share those gifts.

### OFFERTORY

#### \*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow** - UMH # 94

#### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

#### \*CLOSING HYMN

**Cry of My Heart** - TFWS # 2165 (v. 1-2)

#### \*BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

(\*) Please stand as you are able.

(UMH) is the blue United Methodist Hymnal

(TFWS) is black The Faith We Sing songbook

## ASSISTING WITH TODAY'S SERVICE

Liturgist: Brian Fisk

Director of Choirs: Anna DeMichele

Organist: James Petri

Pianist: Jamie Dyer

Audio/Visual Tech: Cameron Wilkinson

Preaching: Rev. Melinda Teter-Dodge

GROW

Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, “Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them.” He answered, “Here I am.” So he said to him, “Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me.” So he sent him from the valley of Hebron. He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, “What are you seeking?” “I am seeking my brothers,” he said; “tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock.” The man said, “They have gone away, for I heard them say, ‘Let us go to Dothan.’” So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, “Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.” But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, “Let us not take his life.” Reuben said to them, “Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him” - that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it. Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, “What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.” And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt. ~ Genesis 37:12-28 ~

PRAY

Dorothy Anderson  
Bill Boelter  
Meldene Brown  
Cynthia Ching  
The Crawford Family  
Erica Cummings  
Nicole Cummings  
Mary Dickson  
Bonnie Elsten  
Randy Festejo  
Jackie Freeman  
Robbie Frey  
Robyn Frey-Monell  
Hannah Gough  
Jennifer Gray  
Lola Green  
Phyllis Hart  
Sage Holzhauer  
Mary Ellen Kirkey  
The Larsen Family  
Lilly Mendoza

Robert Miller  
Susan Monell  
Thirza Pearce  
Deborah Shuttleworth  
Tommy Story  
Debbie Wallace  
Dorothy Wallace  
David Walker  
The Weimer Family  
The White Family  
Marilyn Wissler

All Military Members  
Long Beach Firefighters  
People of Ukraine  
People of Turkey & Syria  
Those Traveling  
COVID Patients  
Cal-Pac Leadership  
Cal Heights Leadership

STUDY

MONDAY - John 1:19-28  
TUESDAY - John 14:1-11  
WEDNESDAY - Colossians 1:15-23  
THURSDAY - John 6:66-71  
FRIDAY - John 12:20-36  
SATURDAY - John 11:1-16  
SUNDAY - Exodus 1:8-2:10, Psalm 124, Romans 12:1-8, Matthew 16:13-20



Sunday, August 20, 2023  
**DREAM A LITTLE DREAM**  
Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

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