

**Sunday, September 17, 2023**

**\*Grandparent's Day\***

**Prelude** - Mary Kate Barnes

**Introit:** "Help Us Accept Each Other"

Chancel Chorus

**Welcome**

**\*Call to Worship**

Trinity Morlock

Pastor: Sing and rejoice! The Lord reaches out to you with healing love!

**All: The Lord is our strength and our power!**

Pastor: Dance before the Lord, a dance of joy and hope!

**All: The Lord brings us joy and lifts us up in hope.**

Pastor: Come, let us worship God, who is always with us.

**All: Let us celebrate the good news God brings to us each day. AMEN.**

**\*Opening Hymn:** O How I Love Jesus UMH #170

**\*Greet one another with the Peace of Christ**

**Joy & Concerns**

**Congregational Prayer: (Unison)**

When we feel overwhelmed by the storms of life, enter our hearts with your redeeming love, O Christ. When our fears overtake us, and we cannot find our way, give us direction that we might faithfully serve you all our days, singing your praises! AMEN.

**Silent Prayer/Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer**

**Children's Time:** Carole Ann Robertson & Video

**Grandparent's Blessing**

Jenna Witzman

**Special Music:** "Lord, Make Us Instruments of Your Peace" by Lantz III (+flute) -  
Chancel Chorus

**\*Scripture Reading:** Matthew 18:21-35

Spencer Snyder

**\*Hymn of Preparation:** Lord, I want to Be a Christian UMH #402

**Message:** Do we need to forgive?

**Offertory** - Mary Kate Barnes

**\*Doxology**

**\*Offering Prayer**

Lord, you have blessed our lives in so many ways. We offer these gifts in gratitude for all these blessings and in confidence that our gifts will be used for ministries of peace and hope. AMEN.

**\*Closing Hymn:** Wonderful Words of Life UMH #600

**\*Benediction/Sending Forth (Second Service)**

Go in peace into God's world to serve and help others. Go in the confidence of God's presence with you. Go into this world with messages of hope and reconciliation. Go in love. AMEN.

**\*Benediction Response:** "To Serve the Present Age"

**Postlude**