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An Order for the Service of Worship

2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:30 AM

JUNE 19, 2022

PRELUDE

Ms. Becky Oliver, Organist

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Mike Bowers, Pastor

INVOCATION

Rev. Bowers

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

RECEPTION INTO THE LOCAL CONGREGATION

As a *member* of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness?

I will

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Members of the household of God, I commend *Shirley Lewis* to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase *her* faith, confirm *her* hope, and perfect *her* in love.

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love.

As members together with you in the body of Christ and in Jacksons Grove United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

GATHERING HYMN *The Church in the Wildwood (1,3)* Cokesbury #121

HYMN

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

UM Hymnal #540

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Traditional version

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of Heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;**

**the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,**

**and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The holy catholic* church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

** Universal*

RESPONSIVE READING	Psalm 42	UM Hymnal #777
MORNING PRAYERS:		Rev. Bowers
Silent Prayer		
Pastoral Prayer		
The Lord's Prayer		
OFFERTORY AND DOXOLOGY		The Ushers and Congregation
HYMN	<i>Blest Be the Tie That Binds</i>	UM Hymnal #557
SCRIPTURE LESSONS	1 Kings 19:1-15a (p 311) Galatians 3:23-29 (p 178)	Rev. Bowers, Reader
GOSPEL READING	Luke 8:26-39 (p 63)	Rev. Bowers, Reader
SERMON	<i>"What Are We Doing Here?"</i>	Rev. Bowers
PARTING HYMN	<i>Spirit of Faith, Come Down</i>	Cokesbury #83
BENEDICTION		Rev. Bowers
POSTLUDE		Ms. Oliver

A cordial welcome is extended to all who visit with us today! It is a delight to be able to worship with you! Come back soon and often. If we can help you in any way, please let us know.

We are pleased to welcome into our fellowship this morning Ms. Shirley Lewis. We are honored to greet her as a member of our congregation. The **altar flowers** are provided by the church today for the glory of God and in honor of our new member.

Got an idea? Need a suggestion? Want to get involved? Just want to talk? Facing a challenge? The person below is eager to listen!

Rev. Mike Bowers, Pastor, Jacksons Grove UMC

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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

Litany for Fathers' Day

One: For fathers everywhere, who have given us life and love; that we may show them respect and love.

All: Holy God, hear this prayer for our fathers.

One: For fathers who have lost a child through death, that their faith may give them hope, and their family and friends support and console them

All: Holy God, hear this prayer for our fathers that mourn.

One: For men, though without children of their own, acted like a fathers and have nurtured and cared for us.

All: Holy God, hear this prayer for our father figures.

One: For step-fathers who have assumed that role with love and joy, who have loved the children of another as their own, and created a new family.

All: Holy God, hear this prayer for step-fathers.

One: For adoptive fathers, who have claimed the orphan and loved the once unwanted as a precious gift from God.

All: Holy God, hear this prayer for adoptive fathers.

One: For fathers who have been unable to be a source of strength, who have not responded to the needs of their children, and have not sustained their families.

All: Holy God, have mercy on absentee fathers.

One: For fathers who struggle with temptation, violence, or addiction. For those who do harm, and for those whom they have harmed.

All: Holy God, have mercy on fathers that struggle.

One: For new fathers, full of hope. For long-time fathers, full of wisdom. For the fathers yet to be, and fathers soon to be.

All: Holy God, hear our prayer for the fathers of your Church.

One: For those that have shaped our lives without claim of family or kinship. For those who have taught us, guided us, shaped us and molded us into servants of Christ our Lord.

All: Holy God, hear our prayer for the fathers of our faith.

One: God our Father, in your wisdom and love you made all things. Bless these men, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen