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## Order of Worship: Sunday, August 30, 2020

### This is Us: SERVE

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**Prelude** *Here I Am, Lord* (arr. J. Schrader)  
Gaye Herndon, piano

**Lighting the Candles**

**Welcome**

**Opening Hymn** *For the Healing of the Nations* (UMH 428)

**Affirmation of Faith from the United Church of Christ**

We believe in God, the Eternal Spirit,  
who is made known to us in Jesus, and to whose deeds we testify:  
God calls the world into being,  
creates humankind in the divine image, and sets before us the ways of life and death.  
God seeks in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.  
God judges all humanity and all nations  
by that will of righteousness declared through prophets and apostles.  
In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Lord,  
God has come to us and shared our common lot,  
conquering sin and death and reconciling the whole creation to its Creator.  
God bestows upon us the Holy Spirit,  
creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ,  
binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.  
God calls us into the church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,  
to be servants in the service of the whole human family,

to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil,  
to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table,  
to join him in his passion and victory.

God promises to all who trust in the gospel  
forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,  
courage in the struggle for justice and peace,  
the presence of the Holy Spirit in trial and rejoicing,  
and eternal life in that kingdom which has no end.  
Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto God.  
Amen.

**Gloria Patri**

**Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer**

**Children's Chat**

**Scripture** Proverbs 31:8-9; Isaiah 58:10 (Hartley Bryant, reader)

**Sermon** *This is Us: SERVE*

Rev. Dr. Kandace Brooks

**Anthem** *Deep Waters* (P. Choplin)

Worship Singers

**Closing Hymn** *What Does the Lord Require of You*

**Closing Prayer**

**Let us tell the Good News:**

**this world is not God-forsaken, abandoned to futility and destruction.**

**God has not failed:**

**This world will become the Realm of God.**

**Let us live the Good News:**

**care for the sick and suffering, feed the hungry,**

**clothe the naked, struggle against injustice, care for the earth,**

**so that others will see the Word taking flesh,**

**taste and see that God is good and believe the Good News. Amen**

**Postlude** *Postlude on 'CWM Rhonda'* (arr. J. Innes)

Gaye Herndon, organ



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- Would you take 10 minutes AFTER worship today and take the [THIS IS US Survey?](#)
- This is a FIFTH SUNDAY, where we support the Florida United Methodist Children's Home. [You can donate online here](#) - and your payment will go directly to the Children's

Home account. Also - if you are picking up a SPAGHETTI DINNER tonight, feel free to bring your offering for the Children's Home - either cash, check or a 'noisy offering'!