



**October 31, 2021**

**Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost**

**Liturgists:**

**8:30am Harold Wright; 10:30am Harold Wright**

**\*Please Stand**

Prelude "Fantasy on Kingsfold" by H. Dean Wagner  
Hand Bells

Welcome & Opening Prayer Rev. Chuck Horton

Announcements Liturgist

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from UMC website) Liturgist

Leader: Friends, the theme for our worship service today is: "The Cloud of God's Glory." Let us call ourselves to worship by reading several verses about God's presence and glory being made known in the clouds....

.... "And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of cloud and the pillar of fire by night...."  
(Exodus 13:21)

**People: "The glory of the Lord rested on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; and on the seventh day He called to Moses from the midst of the cloud." (Exodus 24:16)**

Leader: "Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle."  
(Exodus 40:34)

**People: "Then the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord." (I Kings 8:11)**

Leader: "And the temple was filled with the cloud and the court was filled with the brightness of the glory of the Lord." (Ezekiel 10:4)

**People: And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." (Mark 9:7)**

Leader: "As they were looking on he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ... Then two men in white said... "This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go." (Acts 1:9, 11)

**People: "Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory." (Luke 21:27)**

Leader: "Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him." (Revelation 1:7)

**People: "Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord." (I Thessalonians 4:17)**

\*Opening Hymn "O Worship the King" UMH 73

UNISON PRAYER

Liturgist

Let us Pray: **Living God, your majesty and holiness and glory surround us as a cloud. Make us so aware of your constant presence, that you become the greatest reality of our lives. As the Virgin Mary was overshadowed by the Holy Spirit and became pregnant with your Son, so, too, was your Son Jesus overshadowed by the cloud of glory at his transfiguration, when you declared, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Listen to him!" So, too, was he taken up into the cloud of glory at his ascension; and so, too, it is declared in your Word that he will return with the clouds of glory in the last day, and that all of us who remain and are alive in him will be caught up in the clouds with him and shall always live with him. Be for us, O Living God, the One in whom we constantly "live, and move, and have our being." You are our past, our present, and our future. You are not only the source of our life, but also the destiny of our life. And so we pray that you wrapped in the clouds of your glory, this day, and throughout eternity itself. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

Choir Anthem "Why Have I Waited, the Savior Is Waiting". by Ralph Carmichael

\*Scripture Rev. Chuck Horton

Exodus 40:34-38 & Hebrews 12:1-2 (RSV)

Sermon "Living in the Clouds" Rev. Chuck Horton

Children's Moment Mason Carman  
(Children return to seats)

\*Affirmation of Faith from Daniel 7:13-14

**"I kept looking in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven one like a Son of Man was coming, and He came up to the Ancient of Days and was presented before Him. And to him was given dominion and glory and kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed."**

\*Doxology UMH 94

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

\*Invitation Hymn "Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending" UMH 718

[This hymn by Charles Wesley is one of the 4 most popular hymns in the Anglican Church in England, but not sung often in America. It has a number of different tunes that it is sung with. The most singable is commonly used for "Angels from the Realms of Glory" ]

\*Benediction

\*Parting Song "God Be With You till We Meet Again" UMH 672 vs 1 & refrain

Postlude Sophia Lee