

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 18, 2022  
15th Sunday after Pentecost

\*Please Stand in Body or Spirit

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD...

Prelude “Walk Worthy,” arr. Faye Lopez

Greeting and Announcements

Joys & Concerns

(Live Streaming Begins)

Time of Centering “Near to the Heart of God,”  
arr. Jeannette Smith

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Come, let us worship the One who calls us here.

**People: We gather to worship with joy and in hope.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the One who desires our hearts.

**People: We bring our whole selves in worship to our God.**

Leader: Come, let us set aside all that distracts us from true  
worship.

**People: We come as we are and ask the Holy Spirit to  
gather us in and direct our vision.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the One who calls us here.

**People: We are here to worship with all that we are.**

\*Hymn: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty #139

\*Praying Together

**In Unison: O God, you created the world and all that is in  
it, and it was good. You entrusted your creation to us, but  
we have not been faithful stewards. Greed, the desire for  
power, and the wish to control others have caused us to  
create problems rather than solve them. May this time of  
worship enable us to see once again our responsibility as  
your stewards, and to realize that we cannot serve both  
God and material things. Amen.**

**The Lord’s Prayer: Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be  
done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily  
bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those  
who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the  
power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD...

Special Music “God Is Calling Us,” by Natalie Sleeth

Scripture Reading: Luke 16:1-15~NIV

Jesus told his disciples: “There was a rich man whose  
manager was accused of wasting his possessions. <sup>2</sup> So he  
called him in and asked him, ‘What is this I hear about you?  
Give an account of your management, because you cannot be  
manager any longer.’ <sup>3</sup> “The manager said to himself, ‘What  
shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I’m not  
strong enough to dig, and I’m ashamed to beg— <sup>4</sup> I know  
what I’ll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will  
welcome me into their houses.’ <sup>5</sup> “So he called in each one of  
his master’s debtors. He asked the first, ‘How much do you  
owe my master?’ <sup>6</sup> “‘Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,’ he  
replied. “The manager told him, ‘Take your bill, sit down  
quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.’ <sup>7</sup> “Then he  
asked the second, ‘And how much do you owe?’ “‘A  
thousand bushels of wheat,’ he replied. “He told him, ‘Take  
your bill and make it eight hundred.’ <sup>8</sup> “The master  
commended the dishonest manager because he had acted  
shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in  
dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. <sup>9</sup>  
I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves,  
so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal  
dwellings. <sup>10</sup> “Whoever can be trusted with very little can  
also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very  
little will also be dishonest with much. <sup>11</sup> So if you have not  
been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust  
you with true riches? <sup>12</sup> And if you have not been trustworthy  
with someone else’s property, who will give you property of

your own? <sup>13</sup> “No one can serve two masters. Either you will  
hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the  
one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and  
money.” <sup>14</sup> The Pharisees, who loved money, heard all this  
and were sneering at Jesus. <sup>15</sup> He said to them, “You are the  
ones who justify yourselves in the eyes of others, but God  
knows your hearts. What people value highly is detestable in  
God’s sight.

Conversation with Children

Sermon: How to Use Your 3 T’s

\*Hymn: I am Thine, O Lord #419

WE RESPOND IN THANKS & GO FORTH TO SERVE.

Giving our Tithes and Offerings  
“Softly and Tenderly,” arr. Mark Hayes

\*Doxology #95

\*Hymn: Take My Life and Let it Be #399

\*Benediction

Postlude “Praise the Lord, Who Reigns Above,” arr. Dan Forrest

### Church News & Notes

#### **Pastor Keith’s Contact Information**

Rev. Dr. Keith Griswold can be reached by phone at 585-615-  
2975 or by e-mail at: [KGriswold@Rochester.rr.com](mailto:KGriswold@Rochester.rr.com)

#### **Food Pantry Needs**

Cereal, coffee, tea, and bottled juice, as well as personal  
items, such as Toilet paper, paper towels, tooth paste,  
toothbrushes, shampoo, dish soap (not dish washer soap) and  
laundry soap are needed by the Food Pantry. Please provide if  
you are able.

### **The Messenger**

If you have a poem, recipe, favorite scripture, topic of inspiration, history highlights, events and announcements, calls to action, etc. that you would like to share in our monthly newsletter please contact Mark Brennan for more information. We would like to hear from you! As always, the deadline is the 15th of the preceding month.

### **The Upper Room**

The Sept./ Oct. issue of "The Upper Room" devotional is in. If you would like one, they can be found in the back of the sanctuary.

### **Membership Directory and Birthday/ Anniversary List**

Contact Laurie Combs for either of these items.

### **AUMC Social Media**

For upcoming events, please visit our website at [www.avonnyumc.org](http://www.avonnyumc.org) Also, follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/AvonnyUMC](https://www.facebook.com/AvonnyUMC), and on Twitter @UMCAVON

### **Masking Protocol**

Masks are encouraged for unvaccinated members, Immunocompromised members and any attendee that feels more comfortable wearing a mask. We encourage all attendees to be vaccinated."

Hearing assistance is available for our services. Just let an usher know for assistance.

For handicap accessibility to the second floor please let the greeter at the door know of this need.

Please feel free to contact the church with any questions or concerns at 226-8600.

If you are interested in purchasing Tops gift cards, an ongoing fund-raiser for our church, please see Sue Moses.

If you are making any purchases on Amazon.com, don't forget to select our church in the AmazonSmiles program!

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### **Participants in Today's Worship**

Pastors:	Rev. Dr. Keith Griswold
Office Manager/ Instrumentalist:	Mark Brennan
Music Director	Linda Rosebrough
Sound Engineer:	Mark Blakely
Custodian:	Bob Wright
Lay Leaders:	Marcia Cameron Laurie Combs
Scripture Reader:	Rachel Giso
Liturgist:	Bobby Luu
Church Council Chair:	Bobby Luu

The flowers on the altar are given by Jackie Ticker.  
Thank you to the Chancel Choir for sharing their music with us this morning.

### **This Week's Church Schedule**

#### **Sunday, September 18, 2022**

7:30AM WYSL1040 Radio Ministry  
10:00AM Worship Service

#### **Wednesday, September 21, 2022**

7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

#### **Sunday, September 25, 2022**

7:30AM WYSL1040 Radio Ministry  
10:00AM Worship Service

# **“How to Use Your 3 T’s”**



Welcome to the Avon United Methodist Church. Our congregation includes people of all backgrounds and perspectives, and we affirm God's grace and love for all people, no matter where you are from, what you look like, or who you love. We gather out of our common love for God and his people, and we are glad you are with us. Our mission is to follow in the path of Jesus so that we may grow in faith, serve in his name, and share God's love.

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**10:00 AM**