



**WHITNEY  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
Boise, Idaho**

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**15th Sunday after Pentecost**

**September 10, 2023**

\* invites you to stand as you are able

*WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD*

Prelude Music

Becca Taylor

Welcome

Charles Owusu-Ansah

Choral Introit

"This Is a Day of New Beginnings"

& Candle Lighting

\*Call to Worship

Simon Ntamuhoza, liturgist

One: Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling  
love of God.

**Many: For once we were lost and felt so far away; now  
we have been found and welcomed home.**

One: Know that God's love is lavished upon you forever.

**Many: We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!**

One: Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of Love.

\*Opening Song

"Come As You Are"

Six Ways to Sunday

Opening Prayer (unison)

**How incredible is your love, O God! We have been made  
new in your love and reconciled to you and to each  
other in peace and joy. Be with us this day as we hear  
your words of comfort and hope. Guide our lives that we  
may serve you more fully all of our days. Amen.**

Anthem

"The Gift of Love"

*WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD*

Scripture Reading – Luke 18:35-43

Scripture Reading – Luke 15:11-24

Sermon

“I Am the Son of My Father  
Charles Owusu-Ansah

\*Hymn

“Sinners Jesus Will Receive”  
(Christ Receiveth Sinful Men)

*WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD*

Prayers of the People / Lord's Prayer

Announcements

Invitation to Offering/Offertory

\*Doxology/Offering Prayer

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*WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE*

\*Closing Hymn

“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”  
Six Ways to Sunday

\*Benediction

Postlude

Becca Taylor

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 10**

### **Important Craft Fair Meeting**

There will be an important meeting to start planning for this Fall's Craft Fair following Worship today. All interested persons are invited to attend.

### **Summer Potluck**

Our final potluck of the summer will be held this Wednesday at 5:30 pm. Spaghetti and bread will be provided. Please bring a salad or dessert to share, or just come and enjoy the good food and company.

### **Community Dinner**

Our next Community Dinner is this Friday, September 15. The meal is served from 5:30 - 6:30 pm, but we need helpers before, during, and especially after the meal is over to help cleanup (wash dishes, put away tables and chairs, sweep, etc.). If you can help, please contact Emily Nelson ASAP.

### **Memorial for Lucille Colson**

There will be a Memorial Service for Lucille Colson, who died on June 1, next Sunday, September 17 at 11:30 am. United Women in Faith will provide a light meal following the service.

### **Midweek Email**

Our Midweek Email comes out each Thursday and is the best way to keep up with what is going on in the church. If you are not currently receiving the email and wish to be added to our list, please email us at [office@whitneyumc.org](mailto:office@whitneyumc.org).

Whitney UMC is a **SCHOOL OF LOVE** where we learn to love God,  
one another, ourselves and creation as Jesus teaches.

### **ALL Are Welcome Here!**

We, the Whitney United Methodist Church, declare that all persons are welcome to attend, join, and participate fully in the life of our congregation regardless of age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, economic condition, marital status, and mental or physical ability.

### **Upcoming Events**

September 10: Craft Fair Planning Meeting; following Worship

September 13: Wednesday Summer Potluck; 5:30 pm

September 15: Community Dinner; 5:30 pm

September 17: Memorial for Lucille Colson; 11:30 am

September 18: Reconciling Team; 6:00 pm

September 24: Three Simple Rules Study; 6:30 pm

A link to our full Calendar of Events can be viewed on our webpage at  
[www.whitneyumc.org](http://www.whitneyumc.org).

### **Assisting in Worship Today:**

Liturgist: Simon Ntamuhoza

Sound: Bert Allen

Online Feed: Rich Keefe

Head Usher: Bill Slupe

Guest Preacher: Charles Owusu-Ansah

Pianist: Becca Taylor

Band Director: Kevin Daniel

Visuals: Bobbie Bynum

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