

September 11, 2022  
 Worship Series: Greater Than  
 Message: We > Me

**Prelude** *Amazing Grace* June Shuffett

**Welcome/Announcements** Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

\*Call to Worship

Pastor: Friends, we serve a God who designed us for community.

**People: Come, let us worship together!**

Pastor: We serve a God who doesn't ask us to go alone.

**People: Come, let us walk together!**

Pastor: We're loved by a God who chooses to be with us.

**People: Come, let us sing together!**

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\*Hymn *O Church of God, United* UMH 547

\*Opening Prayer Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Pastor: Let us pray.

**People: Holy God,**

**we gather as a people who want community**

**more than company,**

**and who would rather be known by each other**

**than to look like we have our lives all together.**

**Lead us as we grow closer together by worshiping You.**

**In community together,**

**may we discover something greater**

**than what we could have known on our own;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

**Mission Moment** *Rise Against Hunger* Suzanne Ackley

**Children's Moment** Linda Biscardo

**Prayer Litany in Remembrance of September 11<sup>th</sup>**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God,

You delivered Your ancient people from slavery and, in the fullness of time,

sent Jesus to show us the path through forgiveness to new life.

As we remember the events of September 11, 2001 and the 21 years since, we find ourselves caught between memories that haunt us and the hope that comes from You.

Mere mention of the date launches a myriad of thoughts, images and emotions.

For some the events are still very fresh, while for others there is a greater distance.

Hear us as we pray for deliverance for people whose lives have and continued to be affected.

Pastor: Hear our prayer, O God.

**People: Let our cry come to You.**

Pastor: We remember the innocent victims who died that day or since, and our hearts are moved to grief.

We are mindful of the families, co-workers and friends who grieve still.

We lift our prayers for all who grieve.

Pastor: Hear our prayer, O God.

**People: Let our cry come to You.**

We remember the selfless women and men who bravely served as first responders, some of whom died or were injured in the process of serving.

We thank you for them and for all who contributed toward recovery at Ground Zero in New York City, the Pentagon in Washington D.C., in a field near Shanksville, PA or anywhere around the globe where people gathered to comfort or to pray for others.

We lift our prayers for their healing, safety and well-being, for their families, and for their civic and faith communities.

Pastor: Hear our prayer, O God.

**People: Let our cry come to You.**

We remember the ripples of that tragic day that continue to impact our world. We lament continued acts of terrorism in the years that have followed. Our hearts ache at the tragic violence of war. And together we wonder if there will ever be an end . . . to violence, to war, to hatred, to death. We remember and we grieve our world's inability to learn the things that lead to peace.

Pastor: Hear our prayer, O God.

**People: Let our cry come to You.**

We call to You now in our remembrance, God of justice and of peace.  
Give us a will to truly pray that Your kingdom may come  
on earth as it is in heaven.

While we cannot imagine what would cause persons  
to commit such violent acts of terrorism,  
we know You call us to forgive.

Move in our hearts to lead us to that place of radical generosity and love.  
Most of all, dear God, move us from despair to hope,  
from isolation to community, from war to peace, from death to life,  
grounded in our relationship with You and Your people  
in every tribe and nation,  
every kindred and tongue  
so that together,  
we might build Your beloved community on earth as it is in heaven.

Pastor: Teach us to remember the words of Jesus.

**People: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all  
your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength and you shall  
love your neighbor as yourself.”**

**All: To You, O God, be all glory, honor and praise, now and forever. AMEN.**

**Song of Reflection**      *Wounded World that Cries for Healing*      Kevin Lackie

**Prayers of the People**      Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

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.**

**Offering**      *Upon this Rock*      Kevin Lackie

**\*Doxology**

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**Praise God from Whom all Blessings flow!  
 Praise Him all creatures here below!  
 Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts!  
 Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! AMEN**

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving****New Testament Reading**

Acts 2:14-18

Joana Arthur

**Message**

We &gt; Me

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

**\*Hymn***Let There Be Peace on Earth*

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**\*Benediction**

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

**Postlude***This is My Father's World*

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