

# Morning Worship

## July 25, 2021, 9:30 am

*\*Denotes Standing, in body and/or spirit  
Please remember to silence your cell phones*

**Worship Theme:** Faith in God's Abundance

### WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

**Prelude** Grace Greater than our Sin  
TUNE: MOODY Daniel B. Towner

**Welcome & Announcements** Anita Stabler-Hussey

**\*Call to Worship** (*Responsively*) Psalm 23 Leader

Leader: The Lord is my Shepherd, I have everything I need

**People:** He lets me rest in fields of green pastures

Leader: And leads me to quiet pools of fresh water

**People:** He gives me new strength

Leader: He guides me in the right paths as he has promised

**People:** Even if I go through the deepest darkness I will not be afraid, Lord for you are with me

Leader: Your shepherd's rod and staff protect me

**People:** You prepare a banquet for me where all my enemies can see me

Leader: You welcome me as an honored guest

**People:** And fill my cup to the brim

Leader: I know that your goodness and love will be with me all my life

**People:** And your house will be my home as long as I live.

**\*Opening Prayer** (*Unison*) Leader

Heavenly and Gracious Lord. We come to you with hope, love for you and one another in our hearts, and faith that you will help each of us to listen to your wants and desires for each of us as we put our needs into your hands and open ours to yours.

You see us as we really are and not as we want you and others to see us. Help us to be mindful of you and your Love always. Amen

**\*Opening Hymn** "Standing on the Promises" UMH #374  
TUNE: PROMISES

Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

A Time for Children of All Ages

Sheryl Rajpolt

### WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

**Epistle Reading** Ephesians 3:14–21 (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God!

**\*Gospel Reading** Matthew 14:1–21 (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

**People:** Thanks be to God!

**Sermon** "Come to Dinner" Anita Stabler-Hussey

### WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

**Hymn of Response** "Spirit Song" UMH #347  
TUNE: SPRIT SONG

**Prayer of Confession** (*Unison*) Leader

Lord, we your Humble People must ask for your forgiveness we so often forget that you are God and Savior. We forget to thank you for the blessings you give us, to praise you when life is good, to share your Love with others. It is much easier to blame you or anyone else if things are going wrong in our lives. It is much easier to take credit ourselves when things are going well. Forgive us Lord and help us to remember that you are God and thru you and you alone All Things Are Possible. Amen.

### Silent Meditation

### Words of Assurance

### We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns

### Silent Prayer followed by the Pastoral Prayer

**The Offering of our Gifts** (Please mail in your offerings)

**\*Doxology**

**Offering Prayer (Unison)**

Blessed Father, as you are always providing for us, we offer here our loaves and fishes as well as ourselves. Please use these offerings and us to serve you as you would like us to do and we thank you Lord for always providing what we need, when we need it, and only asking us to Love and Serve you as you need in return. In your name we pray, Amen.

**WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD**

**\*Sending Hymn** "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" UMH #526

TUNE: CONVERSE

**\*Benediction**

**\*Benediction Response** "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" UMH #664

TUNE: THE ASH GROVE

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***"Growing in the Body of Christ"***