

# Morning Worship

## June 27, 2021, 8:45 am

**Words to ponder:** *“Out of the depths, we cry to God. How do we seek hope in the wake of loss, in the midst of grief? How can our souls wait for the Lord like those who wait for the morning?”*

### WE GATHER AS GOD’S PEOPLE

**Welcome** Pastor Ed

**Call to Worship** (*Responsively*) Leader

Leader: We wait for the Lord, our souls wait for the Lord,

**People:** and find hope in God’s word.

Leader: Our souls wait for the Lord

**People:** more than those who watch for the morning.

Leader: More than those who watch for the morning.

**People:** Let us seek hope in our God,

Leader: whose power is enduring love,

**People:** whose redemption brings healing and grace.

Leader: We wait for the Lord,

**People:** and find our hope in God’s presence.

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

Holy One, in peace or in pain, we call to you, and you answer. Hear our voices, O God, and the cries of our hearts. Come and bring us your presence. Come and bring us your peace. Amen.

**Opening Hymn** “This is the Day” UMH # 657  
(sung twice)

**Offering One Another the Peace of Christ**

**A Time for Children of All Ages** Pastor Ed

### WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

**Old Testament** 1 Kings 17:8-16 (NSRV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God!

**Gospel Reading** Mark 12:28-34 (NSRV) Leader  
Lector: The Gospel of the Lord.  
**People:** Praise to you, Lord Christ!

**Hymn of Preparation** “Spirit of the Living God” # 393

**Sermon** “*Choices*” Pastor Ed

### WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

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

God of Grace, we come to you in search of healing. We come to you in search of peace. We come, often bearing only a tiny seed of hope within, praying that it is enough. Our cries come in the deepest part of the night, and we do not always ask for help. Our hearts bleed just as surely as our bodies, and we do not always recognize the hidden pain of others. Or even our own. Sometimes we struggle to find our faith at all, and forget that doubt, too, is a part of belief. Give us courage enough to reach out for the hem of your cloak. Give us strength enough to speak the truth of our own struggles, and to see and hear and know the struggles of others. Forgive us when we think you only want us if we’re perfect. Fill us with your endless supply of love, so that we might try again. Amen.

### Silent Meditation

### Words of Assurance

**We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns** Bill Florin

### Silent Prayer followed by the Pastoral Prayer

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

### Doxology

**Offering Prayer** (*Unison*)

Gracious One, you have given us a love that stretches farther than we can see or even believe. You have given us a grace and a forgiveness that is deeper than our vulnerabilities. You have given us a healing and a hope that makes us whole. Take now the offerings of our hearts and our lives, even as we give away all you have given us. Amen.

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**Giving of the Bread and Cup**

Pastor Ed

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

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

**Sending Hymn**                      "Here I Am Lord"                      UMH # 593

**Benediction**

**Benediction Response**                      "Because He Lives"                      UMH # 364

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**Sunday, June 27, 2021**  
***"Growing in the Body of Christ"***