

## Morning Worship

August 15, 2021, 9:30 am

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

**Worship Theme:** "Give thanks to God at all times."

### WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

**Prelude** "Adagio" arrg. Robert W. Thygerson (on organ)

#### Welcome & Announcements

**\*Call to Worship** (*Responsively*) *Psalm 34* Leader

Leader: O fear the Lord, you His holy ones,

**People:** for those who fear him have no want.

Leader: The young lions suffer want and hunger,

**People:** but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

Leader: Come, O children, listen to me;

**People:** I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

Leader: Which of you desires life and covets many days to enjoy good?

**People:** Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit.

Leader: Depart from evil, and do good;

**People:** Seek peace, and pursue it.

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

Holy God, Creator, Divine and Eternal Father who called us into being in your image, we gather to worship and praise you. We gather as members of Christ's body, the church universal, to join in singing and prayer and listening to Your word, Your living word we yearn to hear. Allow us to listen and understand, to discern your ways, and to set aside our routine concerns to be fed by you, to be hungry no more. Amen.

**\*Opening Hymn** "O Spirit of the Living God" UMH #539

**Offering** One Another the Peace of Christ

**A Time for Children of All Ages**

Sheryl Rajpolt

### WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

**Epistle Lesson** Ephesians 5:15-20 (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God!

**\*Gospel Reading** John 6:51-58 (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

**People:** Thanks be to God!

**Sermon** "Thankful? At a Time Like This?" Bill Florin

### WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

**Hymn of Response** "Give Thanks" (sung twice) TFWS #2036

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

Heavenly Father, we come before you in humility, knowing we have not always kept our tongues from deceit. We have not always been listening for and following the will of the Spirit. We come to your house today, all together, to be fed by the Living Bread, to be redeemed in our confession, repentance, and faith, receiving forgiveness that only comes from your unearned and unending grace. Guide us from justification to sanctification, Lord, to be more perfect and more Christ-like, to think and speak and act with a spirit of thankfulness and the desire to be known as your children, those made in Your image. Amen.

#### Silent Meditation

#### Words of Assurance

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

#### Silent Prayer followed by the Pastoral Prayer

**The Lord's Prayer** UMH #895

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

#### \*Doxology

**Offering Prayer (Unison)**

Lord God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – you have taught us to be thankful. And as your children, we bring these gifts to you this morning as a sign of our thankfulness and faith. Bless these tithes and gifts, Lord, so that they may be used to further build your kingdom and to address the needs of your children in this world. Bless these gifts from our abundance, and may they be multiplied by our service and love for You and others. Amen.

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

\*Sending Hymn “Great is Thy Faithfulness” UMH #140

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Resp. “In the Lord, I’ll Be Ever Thankful” TFWS #21958  
(sung twice)

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**Sunday, August 15, 2021**

***“Growing in the Body of Christ”***