



*The order of service is subject to change at the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Italicized Bold print invites congregational response in unison.

*Means you are **invited to stand** if able and comfortable.

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WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude

Harlan Otter

Words to Ponder:

Christ is the light of God's glory and the imprint of God's glory.
Let all God's children come to the light.

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

"Table of Plenty"
(by Dan Schutte)

Chancel Choir

*Call to Worship

Walk humbly before the Lord, even in hardship and pain.

We will live with integrity before God all the days of our lives.

Walk faithfully before our God, even when put to the test.

We will honor the Lord our God all the days of our lives.

Come! Let us worship.

Marilyn Fuller

*Opening Prayer

Almighty God, you spoke to our ancestors long ago through your prophets and teachers, but today you speak to us through your Son.

In the midst of life's trials and tribulations, help us keep our integrity and walk faithfully in your ways.

Help us listen to the words of your Son and become like children again, that we may rejoice in your kingdom and trust in your Spirit. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise

"Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"

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*Passing of the Peace of Christ

Pastor Ed

Let us have the faith and innocence of children, as we greet our fellow children of God with signs of Christ's peace.

Children's Message

Pastor Ed

WE HEAR THE WORD

Prayer of Confession

Mysterious One, your ways can seem inscrutable. When the road of life is smooth, and the world is our oyster, you seem to welcome us with open arms.

But when calamity strikes and our need for you becomes desperate, it feels like you slam the door between us and we are left in the agony of silence.

We know how Jesus felt on the cross.

We also know his faith in you never waived.

Give us the faith of Jesus, who taught his disciples to pray to be spared from the time of trial.

May we come to see your Presence, whether we are receiving the good from your hand or the bad, for truly, you never leave us. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Pastor Ed

Hymn of Response

One Bread One Body

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Scripture Reading

Genesis 2:20b-24

Marilyn Fuller

20 The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man^[e] there was not found a helper as his partner. **21** So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. **22** And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. **23** Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones

and flesh of my flesh;

this one shall be called Woman,^[d]

for out of Man^[e] this one was taken."

24 Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. **25** And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

~~ Musical Interlude ~~

*Gospel Reading

Mark 10:2-12

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2 Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" **3** He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" **4** They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." **5** But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. **6** But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' **7** 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife,^[b] **8** and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. **9** Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." **10** Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. **11** He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; **12** and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

Reflecting on God's Message "What does God intend for us?" Pastor Ed

Prayers of the People

Invitation of the Offering musical selection by Harlan Otter

Offertory Anthem "On Eagle's Wings" Chancel Choir
(arr. Douglas E. Wagner)

Offering Prayer Pastor Ed
God of love, just as you speak to us through a Son, speak to your world through our gifts.
May our offering receive your blessing and go forth to bring life and love to a world in need of both.
Amen.

***Doxology** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH # 95
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, Ye heavenly Host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen

CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

***Sending Hymn** "Jesus Lover of My Soul" #479

Benediction

Postlude Harlan Otter

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19th Sunday After Pentecost | 10.3.2021 | 9:30am

*You are invited to worship with us in the quiet of prayer, in the joy of song,
and in the desire to grow in the grace and knowledge of our LORD Jesus Christ.
Part of our mission is to be a place for all people. All are welcome here!
Whatever your gender identity, age, race, religious background, economic status,
sexual orientation or condition of ableness, we greet you as a beloved child of God.*