



***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:

Care for us Holy One, and help us see the goodness of your caring presence in our lives.

Help us welcome you into our homes.

Help us release toil and anxiety and find peace.

Welcome and Announcements

Introit "Crown Him With Many Crowns" Bell Choir
arr. David Angerman

***Call to Worship** Patty Jacobson

Love the Lord your God.

We love with all our heart.

Love the Lord your God.

We love with all our soul.

Love the Lord your God.

We love with all our mind.

Love the Lord your God.

We love with all our strength.

***Opening Prayer**

Abiding and caring God, help us remember that you are present with us, calling us to be our best selves.

Help us learn to love ourselves, that we might learn to love our neighbors.

With the caring example of Christ, we seek to be your love and care in the world. Amen.

***Hymn of Praise** "Love Divine, All Love Exceling" (V1,2 & 4) #384

***Passing of the Peace Of Christ** Pastor Ed

Children's Message Pastor Ed

WE HEAR THE WORD

Prayer of Confession

O God, we have not invested all that we are—our hearts, minds, soul, and strength—in loving you.

And each day, we struggle to love one another to the fullest.

Receive our heartfelt confession, and hear our gratitude for your grace and forgiveness. Amen.

Words of Assurance Pastor Ed

Hymn of Response "What Gift Can We Bring?" (V1,2 & 4) #87

Scripture Reading Psalm 127 Patty Jacobson

**God's Blessings in the Home
A Song of Ascents. Of Solomon.**

¹ Unless the LORD builds the house,
those who build it labor in vain.

Unless the LORD guards the city,
the guard keeps watch in vain.

² It is in vain that you rise up early
and go late to rest,

eating the bread of anxious toil;
for he gives sleep to his beloved.^[a]

³ Sons are indeed a heritage from the LORD,
the fruit of the womb a reward.

⁴ Like arrows in the hand of a warrior
are the sons of one's youth.

⁵ Happy is the man who has
his quiver full of them.

He shall not be put to shame
when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.

***Gospel Reading** Mark 12:38-44 Patty Jacobson

Jesus Denounces the Scribes

³⁸ As he taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹ and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰ They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

The Widow's Offering

⁴¹ He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³ Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴ For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

Reflecting on God's Message "The Other Nickel" Pastor Ed

Prayers of the People

Offertory Anthem "Love (One Another)" Singing choir
By Janice Detweiler

Invitation of the Offering musical selection by Harlan Otter

Offering Prayer Pastor Ed

Help us give ourselves with abandon to one another as Naomi and Ruth gave themselves to each other.

Help us give ourselves without anxiety in service.

Help us give in ways that help this congregation mend lives through love.

May these gifts heal an aching world and care for all creation. 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

COMMUNION

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WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

***Sending Hymn** "Take My Life and Let it Be" #399

Benediction

Postlude Harlan Otter

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24th Sunday After Pentecost | 11.07.2021 | 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.*