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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:

Wisdom shouts from the streets.

Above the noisy crowd she cries out.

Will we take heed and listen to her voice?

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

“Jesus Loves Me”
arr. Martha Lynn Thompson

Bell Choir

***Call to Worship**

Patty Dayton

Wisdom shouts her warnings in the street.

We have come to forsake our foolish ways.

Wisdom longs to pour out her Spirit on all flesh.

We will not shrink from her blessings.

Wisdom imparts holy knowledge to save us.

We will not shut out the lessons she teaches.

Let us worship in spirit and in truth.

***Opening Prayer**

Eternal God, the heavens declare your glory, even as Wisdom proclaims your precepts to all people.

Set our minds on the things that are above rather than things that are below, that when the journey becomes hard, we may have the courage to follow you to the bitter end.

Be with us in our hour of need, that we may be found faithful when Wisdom comes to call. Amen.

***Hymn of Praise**

“Lift High The Cross” (v1,2&4)

UMH#159

***Passing of the Peace Of Christ**

Pastor Ed

Children’s Message

Pastor Ed

WE HEAR THE WORD

Prayer of Confession

Wisdom of the Ages, we yearn to forsake our foolish ways and embrace godly knowledge. Cry out in the streets once more, that we may hear your voice and drink deeply of your Spirit.

For we are tired of reaping the harvest of our schemes, and we are weary of eating the fruit of our ways.

Bridle our lips, Gracious One, that our tongues may speak no evil and utter no falsehoods, but rather proclaim your glory.

In your holy and righteous name, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Pastor Ed

Hymn of Response

“O Master Let Me Walk With Thee”

UMH#430

Scripture Reading

James 3:9-12

Patty Dayton

⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters,^[d] this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters,^[e] yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

~~ Musical Interlude ~~

***Gospel Reading**

Mark 8:27-38

Patty Dayton

Peter’s Declaration about Jesus

27 Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” **28** And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” **29** He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.”^[d] **30** And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

31 Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. **32** He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. **33** But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

34 He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. **35** For those who want to save their

life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel,[1] will save it. **36** For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? **37** Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? **38** Those who are ashamed of me and of my words[1] in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

Reflecting on God’s Message	“Congratulations, you’ve won!”	Pastor Ed
Prayers of the People		Pastor Ed
Invitation of the Offering		Pastor Ed
Offertory Anthem	“Because He Lives” By Bill & Gloria Garther	Vocal Choir
Offering Prayer		Pastor Ed
Glorious God, your teachings are more to be desired than fine gold and precious silver; your blessings are more to be sought than all the jewels of the earth. May the gifts we bring before you today share your blessings with those in need. In Jesus’s name, we pray. Amen.		
*Doxology	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” 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	UMH # 95
<u>COMMUNION</u> *SEE INSERT		
<u>WE RESPOND TO THE WORD</u>		
*Sending Hymn	“Be Thou My Vision”	UMH#451
Benediction		
Postlude		Harlan Otter



16th Sunday After Pentecost | 09.12.2021 | 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.*

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