



*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:

To be secure in earthly treasure, but not rich toward God, is to be poor indeed.

Welcome and Announcements

Introit "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Harlan Otter
by William Runyan

***Call to Worship (Psalm 107)** Scott Caldwell

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Make your petitions heard, for God saves us in times of trouble.

Christ's steadfast love endures forever.

God satisfies our hunger with good things, and quenches our thirst with living water.

The Spirit's steadfast love endures forever.

Let us worship.

***Opening Prayer**

Eternal God, as people raised with Christ, teach us to seek the things that are above, where Christ abides in glory. Even as our true lives remain hidden in you with Christ, grant us a glimpse of our true selves, made pure and whole in your love. Renew your Spirit within us, and make us fit to bear the glory of your image. Amen.

***Hymn of Praise** "Seek Ye First" UMH#405

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

Children's Message Pastor Ed

WE HEAR THE WORD

Prayer of Confession (in unison) Scott Caldwell

Loving God, you show us the blessedness of seeking things that are above, but our hearts are captured by the shiny objects that catch our eye and capture our attention. When we lose sight of our priorities, heal our desire to get our share. Help us store up treasure in heaven rather than here on earth. Renew us in your Spirit this day, that our lives, hidden with Christ, may be revealed with Christ in glory. Amen.

Words of Assurance Pastor Ed

Hymn of Response "In Christ There Is No East or West" UMH #548

(Musical Interlude)

***Gospel Reading** Luke 12:13-21 Scott Caldwell

The Parable of the Rich Fool

13 Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." **14** But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" **15** And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." **16** Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. **17** And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' **18** Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. **19** And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' **20** But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' **21** So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

Reflecting on God's Message "He Who Dies With The Most Toys Wins" Pastor Ed

Prayers of the People Pastor Ed

Invitation of the Offering Pastor Ed

