



***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:

Pay attention: God is still speaking wisdom, still revealing truth, and still breathing new life in our world.

Welcome and Announcements

Introit Harlan Otter

***Call to Worship** Larry Tripp

Come to Christ, our rock . . . our refuge and our strength.

Come to listen for God . . . our wisdom and our truth.

Come to receive the Spirit . . . the breath of life itself.

***Opening Prayer**

Still-speaking God, open our ears to hear your voice; open our minds to perceive your wisdom; and open our eyes to recognize your healing love and your powerful presence. Amen.

***Hymn of Praise** "I Was There To Hear Your Borning Call" TFWS#2051

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

WE HEAR THE WORD

Prayer of Confession (in unison) Larry Tripp

Gracious God, you have known us since the beginning of time. You know when we struggle to hear your voice, and when we yearn to know your grace. Speak to us with wisdom and love, and protect us with mercy and grace. Heal us and set us free, that we may recognize your presence, heed your call, and celebrate your loving acceptance.

Words of Assurance Pastor Ed

Hymn of Response "Spirit of the Living God" UMH#393

Scripture Reading Jeremiah 1:4-10 Larry Tripp

Jeremiah's Call and Commission

⁴ Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,

⁵ "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

⁶ Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." ⁷ But the LORD said to me,

"Do not say, 'I am only a boy,' for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you.

⁸ Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD."

⁹ Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth, and the LORD said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth.

¹⁰ See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

(Musical Interlude)

***Gospel Reading** Luke 13:10-17 Larry Tripp

Jesus Heals a Crippled Woman

¹⁰ Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. ¹¹ And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." ¹³ When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴ But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day." ¹⁵ But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? ¹⁶ And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" ¹⁷ When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the

wonderful things being done by him.
Reflecting on God's Message "I am not..." Pastor Ed

Prayers of the People Pastor Ed

Invitation of the Offering Pastor Ed

Offertory Anthem Harlan Otter

***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

Offering Prayer Pastor Ed
Holy Spirit, bless these gifts with the power of your love and grace, that others may recognize your presence and hear your wisdom and truth.

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

***Sending Hymn** "We Are Called" TFWS#2172
Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Do not let us fall into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Benediction

Postlude

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*Barlach, Ernst, 1870-1938. Old Woman Dancing

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost | 8.21.2022 | 9:00 am

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.