



\*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** Patty Jacobson

**Words to Ponder:**

Are you stuck in the past? Have you lost hope for the future? Do not despair. Build houses of joy. Plant gardens of faith. Offer thanks and praise to the living God. All will be well.

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Introit** Patty Jacobson

**\*Call to Worship** Patty Dayton

Sing God's praises.

**Make a joyful noise to the Lord.**

We have walked through fire and water with heavy burdens on our backs.

**But God has led us into a spacious place to plant gardens of faith.**

Rejoice in the Lord.

**Build houses of joy and shout glory to our God.**

Let us worship in gratitude and praise.

**\*Opening Prayer**

Master Gardener, you revive us when our bodies grow weak, and when our spirits faint within us.

Though we may be bound by our worries, your word is not chained. Help us build houses of joy

and plant gardens of faith. As we pray for the welfare of our communities, help us bloom where

we are planted, that your harvest of hope and love may be bountiful. In gratitude for your

blessings, we pray. Amen.

**\*Hymn of Praise** "My Faith Looks Up To Thee" (v1, 2 &4) UMH#452

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

**Children's Message** Pastor Ed

**WE HEAR THE WORD**

**Prayer of Confession (in unison)** Patty Dayton

Mysterious One, why does life seem like a test we cannot endure? Why have we been led into the net, only to have burdens laid on our backs? Why has our path led us through fire and water, while others ride over our heads? You have tried us like silver, refined us like gold. Still, our hearts rejoice in your presence. For it was you who brought us through the wilderness to a good and spacious place. Though we do not understand your ways, we will praise your name forever. For you are our deepest desire, our source of hope and deliverance. Amen.

**Words of Assurance** Pastor Ed

**Hymn of Response** "Just As I Am Without One Plea" (v1, 2 &6) UMH#357

**Scripture Reading** Psalm 66:1-3 Patty Dayton

**Gratitude for Mercy**  
**Praise for God's Goodness to Israel**

*To the leader. A Song. A Psalm.*

**1** Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

**2** sing the glory of his name;  
give to him glorious praise.

**3** Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!  
Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.

*(Musical Interlude)*

**\*Gospel Reading** Luke 17:11-19 Patty Dayton

**Jesus Cleanses Ten Men with a Skin Disease**

**11** On the way to Jerusalem Jesus<sup>[a]</sup> was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. **12** As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, **13** they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" **14** When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. **15** Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. **16** He prostrated himself at Jesus's<sup>[b]</sup> feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. **17** Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? **18** Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" **19** Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

**Reflecting on God's Message** "No Matter What" Pastor Ed

**Prayers of the People** Pastor Ed

**Invitation of the Offering** Pastor Ed

**\*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  
Author of life, you meet us in our need. Your love and grace surround us. When our world gets turned upside down, you carry us through the trials of life. Your power gives us the strength to find healing and comfort each day. Receive these gifts as signs of our thanks. Accept our praise for your many blessings. Receive our very lives, that we may serve you in the ministry of your church.  
Amen.

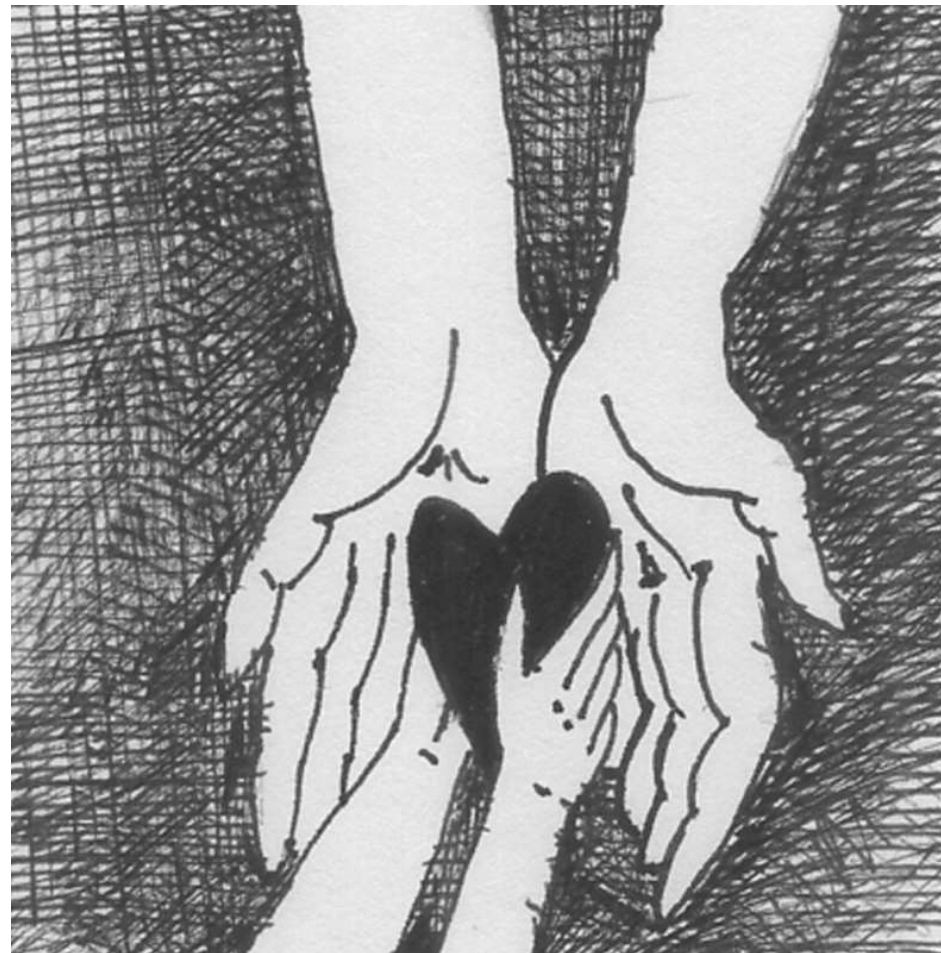
**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD**

**\*Sending Hymn** “Jesus’ Hands Were Kind Hands” UMH#273

**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** Patty Jacobson



*\* Liz Valente, My Heart for the Lord*

## **Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost | 10.9.2022 | 9:30 am**

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*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.*