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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:

By the word of the Lord the heavens were made,
And all their host by the breath of his mouth.
He gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle...
For he spoke, and it came to be, as he commanded, and it stood forth.

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

"Sing of the Lord's Goodness"

By Ernest Sands

Chancel Choir

*Call to Worship

L. Beckoning God, you promise long journeys and new names.
P. Call us out to risk holy adventure with unusual table companions.
L. Linger with us so that we may be faithful disciples,
P. touching the fringe of your healing on behalf of all your children.
All. Amen.

Rosaura Frias

*Opening Prayer

O God, as the showers renew the earth,
bathe us in your healing power.
Stretch out your hand, that we may live
and know that you alone are God,
in whose faithfulness we have life all our days. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise

"Just as I Am"

UMH#357

*Passing of the Peace Of Christ

Chuck Samson

Children's Message

Chuck Samson

WE HEAR THE WORD

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your lovingkindness,
Wash us thoroughly from our inequities and cleanse us from our sins.
For we acknowledge our transgressions, and our sins are ever before us.

Rosaura Frias

Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
AMEN.

Words of Assurance

Chuck Samson

Centering Song:

"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

TFWS#2158

*Old Testament Reading

Genesis 12:1-9

Rosaura Frias

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

(Musical Interlude)

*Gospel Reading

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Rosaura Frias

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners." While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." and instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

Reflecting on God's Message "The Rest of the Story" Chuck Samson

Prayers of the People

Invitation of the Offering Chuck Samson

Offertory Anthem "In This Very Room" Chancel Choir
by Ron and Carol Harris

*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 Chuck Samson

O Lord, creator of all things, from the blessing you have provided, we offer but a portion, bless our tithes of money, time and talents, that your word may go forth and inspire great works in your name, we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

*Sending Hymn "The Summons" TFWS#2130

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 Harlan Otter



* Pareja, Juan de, 1606-1670. Vocation of Saint Matthew

Second Sunday after Pentecost

6.11.2023 | 9:30 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.**

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