



*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:

Whether climbing a treacherous path or walking a journey of grace, we are welcomed, received, and accompanied by God. Christ invites us to do the same for others—whoever they are and wherever they are on life's journey.

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Harlan Otter

***Call to Worship**

Martha McMahon

Come to the mountain of God,
the place of God's holy presence.
No matter how steep the climb,
God journeys with us and helps us along the way.

***Opening Prayer**

God of ages past and days yet to come, journey with us today.
Journey with us all our days, whether on treacherous paths or beside still waters.
Guide our steps to find solid ground, that we may know the firm foundation of your constant presence.
Open our minds to the blessings and miracles we encounter along the way.
In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

***Hymn of Praise**

"There's a Spirit in the Air"

UMH#192

***Passing of the Peace Of Christ**

Pastor Ed

WE HEAR THE WORD

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Martha McMahon

God of grace and God of glory, shower us with your mercy and forgiveness.
When we can't see the way forward, be our navigation system.

When we make a wrong turn, gently correct us.

When we neglect our health and wellness, heal us with your love.

When we neglect or harm your world and its peoples, reveal your righteousness and guidance, that we may be forgiven and reconciled with you and with your beloved creation.
Amen.

Words of Assurance

Pastor Ed

Hymn of Response

"One Bread, One Body"

UMH#620

Scripture Reading

Psalms 13

Martha McMahon

Prayer for Deliverance from Enemies

To the leader. A Psalm of David.

1 How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?

How long will you hide your face from me?

2 How long must I bear pain^[a] in my soul

and have sorrow in my heart all day long?

How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

3 Consider and answer me, O LORD my God!

Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death,

4 and my enemy will say, "I have prevailed";

my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.

5 But I trusted in your steadfast love;

my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

6 I will sing to the LORD

because he has dealt bountifully with me.

(Interlude)

***Gospel Reading**

Matthew 10:40-42

Martha McMahon

Rewards

40 "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. **41** Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, **42** and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

Reflecting on God's Message

"Our Calling."

Pastor Ed

Prayers of the People

Invitation of the Offering

Pastor Ed

Offertory Anthem

Harlan Otter

***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

Offering Prayer

God of love and grace, bless these gifts with your love and grace.
Through our ministries and our generosity, may others know your loving welcome and
your gracious mercy. Amen.

Pastor Ed

COMMUNION

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

***Sending Hymn**

“This is My Song”

UMH#437

Benediction

Postlude

Harlan Otter



* JESUS MAFA. Jesus welcomes the children, from Art in the Christian Tradition

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

7.2.2023 | 9:00 am

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Liturgist – Martha McMahon
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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.**