



*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:
Before we speak, God knows our thoughts and minds completely; calling us into fellowship this day.

Welcome and Announcements

Introit Harlan Otter

***Call to Worship** Pat Tripp

The One who called Samuel from the darkness continues to say: "Let light shine out of darkness."

The light of Christ shines all around us.

The One who searches us and knows us hems us in, behind and before.

We are fearfully and wonderfully made.

Let us worship a God who surprises us at every turn.

***Opening Prayer (in unison)** Pat Tripp

**Merciful One, when life beats us down,
you reach out and restore us to health
and wholeness.**

**Surprise us once more, O God,
with your never-failing grace
and the light of your love. Amen.**

***Hymn of Praise** "Open My Eyes" UMH # 454

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

Children's Message Pastor Ed

WE HEAR THE WORD

Prayer of Confession (in unison) Pat Tripp

Lord of the Sabbath, when our spirits feel withered,
we yearn to touch your healing power.

Be with us in our hour of need
and become the joy of our salvation.

Our mouths long to sing your praise
and our eyes long to behold your glory.

In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance Pastor Ed

Hymn of Response "Here I Am Lord" UMH#593

Prayer of Illumination
As we listen for the word of God, may we be prepared to respond as inspired prophets, humble servants, and faithful disciples.

***1st Reading** Psalm 139: 1-6 Pat Tripp

O LORD, you have searched me and known me. ²You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. ³You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. ⁴Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely. ⁵You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. ⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

(Musical Interlude)

Gospel Reading Mark 2:22-3:6 Pat Tripp

22 Similarly, no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and the wine is lost, and so are the skins, but one puts new wine into fresh wineskins."^[a] **23** One Sabbath he was going through the grain fields, and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. **24** The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?" **25** And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food, **26** how he entered the house of God when Abiathar was high priest and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions?" **27** Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for humankind and not humankind for the Sabbath, **28** so the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath." **3** Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. **2** They were watching him to see whether he would cure him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse him. **3** And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." **4** Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. **5** He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. **6** The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

Reflecting on God's Message "Everything I Ever Wanted To Know,
But Was Afraid To Ask" 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

Though we are vessels of clay, your light shines through us when we share what we have with those in need. May today's offering be like the bread of presence that feeds the hungry and satisfies the soul. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Pastor Ed

Communion

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

*Sending Hymn

"Be Thou My Vision"

UMH#451

Benediction

Postlude

Harlan Otter

Second Sunday After Pentecost



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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.*