



\*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

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Introit** "Come Holy Spirit" Chancel Choir

**Call to Worship** Kimberly Rothen

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)** Kimberly Rothen

**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.**

**\*Opening Hymn** "Blessed Assurance" UMH # 369

**\*Passing of the Peace Of Christ** Bonnie Weed

**Children's Message** Bonnie Weed

WE HEAR THE WORD

**Prayer of Confession (in unison)** Kimberly Rothen

**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** Bonnie Weed

**Hymn of Response** "Holy Holy Holy" UMH#64

**Prayer of Illumination** Bonnie Weed

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 91: 9-16 Kimberly Rothen

9 Because you have made the LORD your refuge,  
the Most High your dwelling place,  
10 no evil shall befall you,  
no scourge come near your tent.  
11 For he will command his angels concerning you  
to guard you in all your ways.  
12 On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.  
13 You will tread on the lion and the adder;  
the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.  
14 Those who love me, I will deliver;  
I will protect those who know my name.  
15 When they call to me, I will answer them;  
I will be with them in trouble;  
I will rescue them and honor them.  
16 With long life I will satisfy them  
and show them my salvation.

*(Musical Interlude)*

**Gospel Reading** John 16:23-33 Kimberly Rothen

<sup>23</sup> Very truly I tell you, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. <sup>24</sup> Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete. <sup>25</sup> "Though I have been speaking figuratively, a time is coming when I will no longer use this kind of language but will tell you plainly about my Father. <sup>26</sup> In that day you will ask in my name. I am not saying that I will ask the Father on your behalf. <sup>27</sup> No, the Father himself loves you because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. <sup>28</sup> I came from the Father and entered the world; now I am leaving the world and going back to the Father." <sup>29</sup> Then Jesus' disciples said, "Now you are speaking clearly and without figures of speech. <sup>30</sup> Now we can see that you know all things and that you do not even need to have anyone ask you questions. This makes us believe that you came from God." <sup>31</sup> "Do you now believe?" Jesus replied. <sup>32</sup> "A time is coming and in fact has come when you will be scattered, each to your own home. You will leave me all alone. Yet I am not alone, for my Father is with me. <sup>33</sup> "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

**Reflecting on God's Message** "All in For Jesus" Bonnie Weed

**Prayers of the People**

**Invitation of the Offering** Bonnie Weed

**Offertory Anthem** "Great is the Lord" Chancel Choir

**\*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

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**Offering Prayer**

Bonnie Weed

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

**\*Sending Hymn**

“It is Well With My Soul”

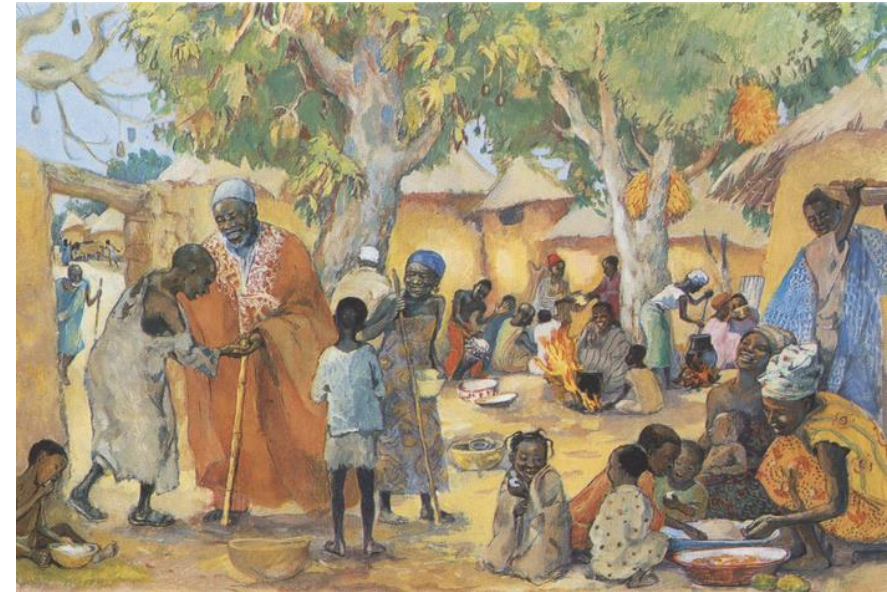
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**Benediction**

**Postlude**

Harlan Otter

# Third Sunday After Pentecost



## 6.9.2024 | 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.*