

*Order of Worship*  
*SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST*  
9:30 am – June 2, 2024

***Participating Live?***

*Text your prayer requests to 805-309-6867 before the end of the first hymn.*

**PRELUDE**

*Arietta from Lyric Suite, Op. 12. 1*  
Helen Farson, piano  
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by Edvard Grieg

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive) (Based on Psalm 139)

Barbara Tomblin, liturgist

L: The Psalmist declares: “O Lord, you have searched me and known me...You discern my thoughts from far away...you are acquainted with all my ways.” Are we ready to have God know us in that way?

**P: Lord, as we worship today, prepare our hearts and minds so that when you search them, you will find what is there pleasing to you.**

L: It was God who formed our inward parts, and God that knit us together in our mother's womb. Let us praise God for life and love, compassion and grace.

**P: I praise you God, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.  
Wonderful are your works. That I know very well.**

**OPENING HYMN**

*Open My Eyes, That I May See*  
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1. Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me; place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!
2. Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear; and while the wavenotes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!
3. Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere; open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**SCRIPTURE**

*Mark 2: 23-3:6 (NRSV)*  
The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Barbara Tomblin, liturgist

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT** (Children and Youth come to the steps for a word from the pastor)

**PREPARATION HYMN**

*Wounded World That Cries for Healing*

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1. Wounded world that cries for healing here we hold each other's pain,  
Wounded systems, bruised and bleeding bear the load, the scars of strain;  
Dollars ration out compassion, hard decisions rule the day,  
Jesus of the healing Spirit, free us to another way!
2. Through our nation's spent frustration, through the corridors of stress  
May there move a kindlier wisdom all may feel, and all may bless;  
Tax and tithe are for a purpose shared to shield the poor and weak;  
Past the symptoms of our sickness let the voice of justice speak.
3. Honor those whose loving spirit nurses hope, restores and heals,  
Towel and basin used in service like the Christ who comes and kneels;  
In the tending, in the mending may we see the right and fair,

**MESSAGE**

Pastor Diane Rehfield

**Musical Response**

*Let the Praise Go 'Round*

VFUMC Chancel Choir, Bob Riggs-guest conductor; Helen Farson -piano

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**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**Jesus looked with compassion on the many people he encountered. As we bring our offerings today, may we too be filled with compassion for those who are in need, recognizing that all of us are needy in some way. We ask your blessing on these gifts and on our lives, that both will be living examples of your compassion at work in the world. Amen**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love him,  
who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another.  
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Amen**

**THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION** (found on p. 17 of The United Methodist Hymnal)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us lift up our hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

... And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Sung: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth  
are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one  
who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

... As we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Sung: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

... All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.  
**Sung: Amen.**

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#### **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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

#### **\*BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND RECEIVING OF THE ELEMENTS**

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves to others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen**

#### **SENDING HYMN**

*O Young and Fearless Prophet*  
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1. O young and fearless Prophet of ancient Galilee,  
thy life is still a summons to serve humanity;  
to make our thoughts and actions less prone to please the crowd,  
to stand with humble courage for truth with hearts uncowed.
2. We marvel at the purpose that held thee to thy course  
while ever on the hilltop before thee loomed the cross;  
thy steadfast face set forward where love and duty shone,  
while we betray so quickly and leave thee there alone.
3. O help us stand unswerving against war's bloody way,  
where hate and lust and falsehood hold back Christ's holy sway;  
forbid false love of country that blinds us to his call,  
who lifts above the nations the unity of all.
4. Stir up in us a protest against our greed for wealth,  
while others starve and hunger and plead for work and health;  
where homes with little children cry out for lack of bread,  
who live their years sore burdened beneath a gloomy dread.
5. O young and fearless Prophet, we need thy presence here,  
amid our pride and glory to see thy face appear;  
once more to hear thy challenge above our noisy day,  
again to lead us forward along God's holy way.

#### **BENEDICTION**

#### **POSTLUDE**

*Gade from Lyric Suite, Op. 57, No. 37*  
Helen Farson, organ  
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*Prayer Requests*

**First UMC of Ventura** —Pastor Diane Rehfield

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All those suffering from illness or loss of loved ones.

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