

**A Service of Song, Word, & Table
September 21, 2025**

* Please rise in body or spirit.

WELCOME

PRELUDE Dr. Dan Cummings

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

We gather together to celebrate the joy in our lives.

God's love fills our hearts to overflowing with laughter.

We gather, in God's presence, to find comfort and hope for our pain.

**God's grace wipes away our tears
and knits us together as one people.**

We gather together, in God's presence, to worship God in faith and truth.

Alleluia! Amen!

HYMN For the Healing of the Nations UMH 428

A READING FROM THE PROPHETS Jeremiah 8:18 – 9:1

This is the Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God!

(11:00) **ANTHEM** O Love Elaine Hagenberg Chancel
Choir

HOMILY

MUSICAL RESPONSE Spirit of the Living God UMH 393

CALL TO CONFESSION AND RECEPTION OF PARDON

Before we speak, God knows our needs, yet our words open our hearts to God's grace. Let us prepare ourselves for God's healing as, in words and silence, we tell of all that separates us from God and one another. Please join me as we pray,

Unison Prayer for Forgiveness

First of all, Everlasting God, we must confess how we have not lived as your people. We serve many masters - work, wealth, power, addictions - yet find no hope in them. We hear the cries of the poor, and shut the doors of our hearts to them. We ridicule those who expose their hopes and dreams to us.

Forgive us, Compassion's Heart, and heal us of our brokenness. Make us well, so that by our healing, we might be the hope and love others need in their lives, even as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, brought these gifts to us, calling us to be faithful with the grace, peace, and joy entrusted to us.

Silence is kept

Assurance of Pardon

Now that we have let go of the pain, the bitterness, the anger of our lives, let us be kind, tender-hearted, and gentle towards each other, forgiving as God has forgiven us.

We are God's beloved children, and will model God's grace and love in our hearts. Thanks be to God! We are forgiven! Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

REGATHERING HYMN It's Me, It's Me, O Lord (vs 1) UMH 352

INVITATION TO OFFERING & CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Unshakable and merciful God, you meet us in the ruins just as surely as in times of rejoicing. When all feels lost, you are not. When we stumble for answers, you remain our refuge. Receive these gifts, given not from abundance alone but from hearts that still dare to trust. Let them be signs of your presence in broken places, tools of healing, hope, and grace in a hurting world. Help us live our praise, even in lament, as your people who believe in your goodness—still. Amen.

OFFERTORY Dr. Dan Cummings, piano

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 94

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

May the one God be with you!

And also with you!

Lift your hearts to the One who heals them.

We offer our hearts to be filled with the balm of Gilead.

Sing praises to our God who would fill us with springs of joy.

**Glad songs of thanksgiving are proclaimed to the One
who delivers us to new life.**

We praise you for our inheritance,

God of wonder and delight:

 springs of water trickling into mighty rivers,
 birds of the air cart wheeling in the morning mist,
 tall trees dancing with the wind.

As your children, we were blessed

with abundant gifts beyond measure,

 but we squandered this bounty, choosing
 to buy property in sin and death's community.

Heartsick, you sent the prophets to us,

who indicted us for ruining ourselves,

but we were not strong enough

to pull up our roots and return to you.

So you sent Jesus, faithful in all,

to restore us to full health.

As we join our voices with all

who seek to serve you, far and wide,

we lift our songs of praise to you:

Holy, holy, holy One, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest! (3x)

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest! (3x)

Holy are you, God of our salvation,

and everlasting is the salvation brought

to us by Jesus Christ, our Mediator.

When we were too weak to dig

our way out of the mess we were in,
he came to show us the way out.
When we were too proud to ask for help,
he humbled himself, to become our brother.
When we could not account for our lives,
he balanced the books for us.
When we were faithless in so much,
he determined to go to the cross for us,
so that we might know of your longing
for everyone to be saved.

As we remember his faithful life in every thing he did,
as we celebrate his spirit of sacrifice,
we speak of that truth we call faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.
Hosanna in the highest! (3x)**

In these moments, in this holy place,
upon these gifts with offer hope and life,
upon these people who seek to be faithful,
pour out your Spirit of compassion and peace.
As we eat of the bread, tasting its grace,
may we move swiftly in service,
carrying compassion to the lost,
the hurting, the hungry, the homeless.
As we drink from the cup of love,
may the tears of our eyes
at the brokenness of the world,
become the healing balm for your children.

And when all time is gone, when eternity is upon us,
we will join our sisters and brothers from far and wide,
in singing forever your glory and wonder,
God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Amen response: Amen, amen, amen. Hosanna in the highest! (3x)

MUSIC AT COMMUNION Dr. Dan Cummings, piano

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*** SENDING HYMN** Lord of all Hopefulness TFWS 2197

*** BENEDICTION**

God has filled us with joy and wonder.

We will go to let it overflow in the lives of others.

Jesus has filled us with comfort and hope.

We will go to wipe away the tears of those around us.

The Spirit sends us forward in faith to share the truth of God's presence in our lives.

Alleluia! We will live everyday as God's own. Amen.

POSTLUDE Dr. Dan Cummings