

**A Service of Song, Word, & Table
September 28, 2025**

* Please rise in body or spirit.

WELCOME

PRELUDE Dr. Dan Cummings

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

The word has come for us from God:

who promises to shelter us under the wings of hope and grace.

The word has come to us from Jesus:

who encourages us to remember the good news we have received.

The word flows to us from the Spirit:

who reminds us to place our hope and trust in God.

HYMN Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy UMH 340

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL Luke 16:19-31

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

Thanks be to God!

(11:00) **ANTHEM** I Lift My Lamp (With God's Love) Gwyneth Walker
Chancel Choir/Amanda Porter, Karah Ingraham, Brock Willard, and Marshal
Hollingsworth, soloists

HOMILY

MUSICAL RESPONSE Mercy Karen Marroli Small Group

CALL TO CONFESSION AND RECEPTION OF PARDON

In God's presence, our lives are exposed, our words are shown for their
hollowness, our need is revealed. Let us confess who we are, as we ask God to
embrace us with grace and hope.

We need to confess, God of Abraham and Lazarus, how often we are not content with the simple gifts and lives you offer. Tempted by everything, we can become insensitive to those who have nothing. Encouraged by the world to accumulate more, we may miss the chance to gather your goodness and godliness. Chasing after all which has no value, we may not have the energy to pursue the faith, the love, the gentleness you have for us.

Forgive us, God of Reversals. You have sent the One who speaks the words we need to listen to in order to have life. Help us to remember how you have redeemed us, and in remembering, may we make that good confession that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior, now and forever.

Silence is kept

This is the good news that comes from God: I will hear your prayers, I will answer with hope and peace, I will deliver you from your sins.

God has covered us with grace; under God's hope we will find shelter. Thanks be to God. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

REGATHERING HYMN Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus UMH 349

INVITATION TO OFFERING & CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

May our gifts this day go to serve those who need healing, those who are hungry, those who need a friend or community, and those who are on the other side of that chasm we call indifference. We may not always notice them, but you do, and so we pray that they might be touched by your grace and hope. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

OFFERTORY Dr. Dan Cummings, piano

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH 94

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

May God our refuge be with you!

And also with you!

Open your hearts to the One who watches over you.

We lift our hearts to God, who covers us with grace.

Sing to the One whose faithfulness wraps around you like a warm shawl.

Our voices unite in praise to God, in whom we trust.

In your presence, life-shaping God,
your heart besieged chaos,
planting hope and joy
where there was only despair,
bringing forth fields of flowers
where there was only emptiness.

You created us in your image,
signing the deed for all creation,
and sealing it for us, the Word
and Spirit witnesses to your generosity.

But we sought shelter in sin,
choosing to live in the shadow of death.

You called to us through the prophets,
but we did not answer.

Determined to rescue us,
you sent Jesus to us,
bring hope and grace and mercy
to us once again.

So, with those who have trusted you
in every time and place, we join
our voices with our sisters and brothers,
singing your glad praises:

**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)

King of Kings,
Jesus humbled himself as our servant,
bringing everything we need into our world.

Lord of Lords,
he set aside eternal glory with you,
to take on our fleeting life.
Brother to the poor,
he turned from the riches of heaven,
to offer the wealth of your mercy to all.
Bearer of your good news,
he bore witness to Pilate
and all who rejected him,
of your grace which is stronger than death,
your love which defeats evil,
your redemption that gives new life.

As we remember Jesus' faithfulness in life,
as we celebrate his victory over death,
we would speak of that mystery we know as faith:

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

Here, in the shelter of your grace,
surrounded by the gifts of the bread and the cup;
here, in the shadow of your love
which stretches through all creation
and touches your children everywhere,
we pray that you would pour out
your Spirit of peace, of hope, of joy.
As we are strengthened by the life
shared with us by the Broken One,
we would go forth to live out our faith,
satisfying the hunger of the world
for reconciliation and for freedom.
As we take hold of the Cup of life,
we will not fear the terrors that besiege us,
but journey on in trust and obedience,
pursuing righteousness and justice for all.

And when all life has ended and your Word calls to us,
at that time we will gather with our sisters and brothers

around the Table of wonder and mercy you have prepared,
forever singing our praises to you,
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** Sing a New World Into Being Hymn to Joy

Sing a new world into being. Sound a bold and hopeful theme.
Find a tune for silent yearnings. Lend your voice and dare to dream:
Dream a church where all who worship find their lives and loves belong.
Sing a new world into being. Sing as Christ inspires your song!

Sing a new world into being where each gender, class and race
Brings its rainbow gifts and colors to God's limitless embrace:
Where the lines that once divided form instead the ties that bind.
Sing a new world into being: risk transforming heart and mind.

Sing a new world into being where the homeless find a home,
Where no children ever hunger but are filled in God's Shalom:
Where all people work for justice, where all hate and vengeance cease.
Sing a new world into being: raise the harmonies of peace.

Sing a new world into being, join the ancient prophets' cry
For a time of health and plenty, when all tears have been wiped dry:
When compassion flows like waters, pouring balm for all who grieve,
Sing a new world into being: live the promise you believe!

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*** BENEDICTION**

God sends us from this place with a word of hope.
We will offer the shelter of grace to all in need.

Jesus sends us out with the word of life.

We will seek to share community with those we will meet.

The Spirit sends us into a world which longs for justice.

We will trust that God's freedom will be offered to all people.

POSTLUDE

Dr. Dan Cummings