

September 1, 2024
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgist: Jan Burlison

WELCOME GUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES)

PRELUDE (*acolyte brings light into the gathering place*) **Felicia Fina,**
Pianist

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: God has given us this day for praise!

P: Praise be to God for this most generous gift!

L: God has given his Son to us that we might learn ways of peace and mercy.

P: Let the words of God's own Son, Jesus, enter our hearts and transform our lives!

L: Come, let us worship this great God of abundant mercy and love!

P: Let our songs, our words, and our thoughts reflect God's healing and restoring love. AMEN.

*** HYMN OF PRAISE: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" # 140 (UMH)**

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Nicene Creed #880(UMH)**

GREETING ONE ANOTHER : #557(UMH)
As the body of Christ in the world, let us share his love and peace with one another.

JOYS AND CONCERNS: (We lift up concerns & thanksgivings)

PASTORAL PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER The Lord's Prayer

HYMN OF PREPARATION "OPEN MY EYES, THAT I MAY SEE"454 (UMH)

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING MARK 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION: Page 12 (UMH)

**HYMN OF INVITATION "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"
344 UMH**

OFFERTORY PIANIST
Special Music (Offering plate in center aisle)

*** OFFERTORY PRAISE: (Doxology) #95 (UMH)**

*** HYMN OF SENDING "God Be with You, Till We Meet Again"
#672(UMH) (First Verse)**

*** BENEDICTION**

SUNG RESPONSE "A-men,a-men,a-men" #898 (UMH)

**Please stand as you are able.*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:**

THE NICENE CREED (The United Methodist Hymnal, #880)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

MARK 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

1 Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, 2 They noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. 3 (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders, 4 and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash, and there are also many other traditions that they observe: the washing of cups and pots and bronze kettles and beds.) 5 So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders but eat with defiled hands?” 6 He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, “This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; 7 in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’ 8 “You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

14 Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: 15 there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.”

21 For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: sexual immorality, theft, murder, 22 adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, debauchery, envy, slander, pride, folly. 23 All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

Please remember the Joys and Concerns in your daily prayer.

JOYS: God's grace. Being together on Sundays. Birthdays, Anniversaries. Thanks for answered Prayers. Our many blessings. Good doctors. Health Care Specialists. Caregivers. Our spiritual gifts. God's goodness. Church friends as helpers. Time with friends and family. Gift of life. Blessing of children. Grateful for our Church leadership. Gift of the Holy Spirit. Families worship together. Each of our talents and gifts.

CONCERNS: Santiago starts a new procedure this week. Prayers for Lucy's son, Luis and his family. Our country. Those who have lost loved ones to Covid-19. All victims and their families of tragic violent shootings. Our national and world leaders. First responders. Immigrants seeking asylum. All victims of terrorism and natural disasters. Prayers for our military service men/women. Prayers for our denomination, local churches, pastors, and leaders. Those in Hospice Care. Prayers for all suffering from cancer. People who are struggling with mental health. Prayers for single moms. Prayers for the people of Palestine and Israel. All who are grieving the loss of a loved one. For World leaders to make good decisions that lead to peace.

Healing prayers for: Harriet Morris. Theresa, Gus's sister, is in the hospital. Jo Ann McMillan. Linda, Adele's daughter. Holly's husband, Steve. Lucy's Brother-in-law with health issues. Santiago's health issues, and ongoing cancer treatment. Dottie. May's friend Sherly. Jim and Lucy's son's father-in-law. Lucy's friend Bryan. Jan's friend Andrea was diagnosed with cancer. Carol Horeb. Jan's mom. Ed & Karen's friend Pastor Greg, who is awaiting a liver transplant. Sandi Settle, continued healing.

NOTE: Pastor Nelson can be reached at (386) 631-6193

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Sunday, September 1, 2024

Sunday: 9:00 am- Worship Service
Coffee Fellowship after service
Tuesday: 10:00 am- Prayer and Share in the multi-purpose room.
Friday: 11:00 am- Bible Study

*** First Sunday of every month: Fellowship Dinner at 5:00 pm.**

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SEPTEMBER

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL BORN IN SEPTEMBER!!!

FELLOWSHIP DINNER: Sunday, September 1st at 5:00 p.m

MOVIE NIGHT: To be announced.

UPPER ROOM: Daily devotional now available in the Narthex area.

PRAYERS: Join us daily at 12:00 pm with prayers for the healing of the World.

TREE OF LIFE: Leaves and other features are available to dedicate or memorialize special individuals in your life. Flyers are available in the Narthex.

AC: If you wish to donate to this project, please mark your special donations as "AC offering."