



**Second Sunday after Pentecost
Communion Sunday
June 3, 2018 10:30 a.m.**

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WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND LIFE

(Please use this time for preparing your mind, body and soul for worship)

CALL TO WORSHIP

~MinistryMatters

O Lord, open our lips.

And we shall declare your praise

*OPENING HYMNS

"I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry"

#2051 FWS

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

~Ministry Matters

Lord, we come to this day, having seen the miracles of everyday creation in our world. we have enjoyed both the bright sunshine and the gentle rains. We have marveled over the beauty of flowers and the complexity of your creation. Make our hearts ready to receive your word for us, that we may go forth from this place ready to joyfully serve you all of our days. AMEN.

SCRIPTURE

1 Samuel 3:1-20, Deuteronomy 32:7-8 Mark 13:24-37

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Love Grows Here"

CHILDREN'S HYMN

"Jesus Loves Me" (vs 1)

#191 UMH

CHILDREN'S TIME

Coming Surprise

SERMON

The Coming of Summer

TIME OF REFLECTION

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

"This is My Song"

#437 UMH

INVITATION

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We are invited to come together around this table as those who belong to the household of Christ, brothers and sisters who in our baptized lives live out the death and resurrection of Jesus; the family of the reborn and the reconciled, who inhabit a universe of grace.

CONFESSION

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**Lord,
Forgive us when we see your miracles all around us
and still doubt your power, presence, and love.
Forgive us when we treat this world and each other
with careless indifference or with malice.
You, who have created the most wondrous things from the smallest of
particles,
can create in our hearts confidence and hope.
From our lives you can fashion the most delightful miracles
that can serve you through acts of mercy and kindness.
Free us, Lord, to receive your blessings and, having received them,
to find the numerous ways in which we can serve you.
Heal our wounded hearts. Hear our cries.
Come to us and bring us home. in Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.**

ASSURANCE

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Let go of your fears and doubts. **God pours God's love on us, in you,
and through us to others. Be at peace. AMEN.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

BLESSING FOR GRADUATES

Anyone graduating this school-year from high school, college, technical or trade school, or completing an educational milestone is invited to come forward.

God of truth and knowledge,
by your wisdom we are taught the way and the truth.
Bless *our graduates* as they reach this educational milestone.
We thank you for those who taught and worked beside them,
and who supported them along the way.
Walk with *our graduates* as they leave and move forward in life.
Take away their anxiety and confusion of purpose.
Strengthen their many talents and skills,
instill in them a confidence in the future you plan,
where energies may be gathered up and used for the good of all people;
for the sake of Jesus Christ. **AMEN.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Worship Wall

THE GIVING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

WE TAKE GOD'S WORD WITH US INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

#2153 FWS

*BENEDICTION

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Go now in peace, knowing the miracles that God has produced in your life. Be assured that there are still more miracles to come. Bear witness to God's love to all you meet. In the name of the Creator, the Holy One who resides with you always, go in peace. **AMEN.**

*POSTLUDE