



**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday Aug 26, 2018 10:30 a.m.**

Service Sunday

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The Summons

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come! Come and worship,
you who woke early and you who slept late;
you who come often, and you who don't.
Whether we are first or last or somewhere in between,
there is room for all of us in God's kingdom,
and more than enough grace to go around.
Let's worship God together!

*OPENING HYMNS *"Holy is the Lord"* #3028 W&S
"Mighty to Save" #3038 W&S

The Service

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION ~Ministry Matters

Lord, who lifts us up, reside in our hearts today. Help us to listen closely for your word to us. Remind us that you are always with us, throughout all of our lives. Give us confidence in your presence, so that we may go into your world ready to witness to your love through our works and our deeds, for we pray these things in Jesus' name.

SCRIPTURE.....Micah 7:1-7; Matthew 20:1-16

CHILDREN'S HYMN..... *"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"* (vs 1) #158 UMH

CHILDREN'S TIME.....*A Bag of Surprise*

*HYMN OF RESPONSE..... *"Breathe"* #3112 W&S

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION . "**Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying**".#2193 FWS
Congregation will respond with the hymn after each spoken verse

Creator of all things, draw near to our beloved planet home,
beautiful and battered, bountiful and misused.
Heal its waters, soul and air, and the life they sustain,
Renew the face of the earth. Lord, hear our prayer,
Lord, Listen to your children praying...

Refuge of the weary, draw near to those displaced by poverty,
calamity or those who are abandoned or forsaken,
and all for whom home is not safe.
Shelter them in communities of compassion. Lord, hear our prayer,
Lord, Listen to your children praying...

Healer of humanity, draw near to those who suffer;
those who bear pain or illness in body or mind,
and those who live with addiction or abuse.
Heal the sick and make the broken whole. Lord, hear our prayer,
Lord, Listen to your children praying...

Source of comfort, draw near to the broken hearted,
those who mourn their beloved, and all who sit in deep darkness.
Console and accompany them. Lord, hear our prayer,
Lord, Listen to your children praying...

JOYS AND CONCERNS

after we have voiced all of our joys and concerns...Lord, hear our prayer,
Lord, Listen to your children praying...

Into the Serving

*CLOSING HYMN "**You Are the Seed**" (vs 1&3)..... #583 UMH

*BENEDICTION.....~re:Worship

Go out from here as workers in God's upside-down kingdom,
where the last are first and the first are last,
where needs are met in miraculous ways,
and there is grace enough for all!
And may the blessing of God,
the love of Jesus Christ,
and the presence of the Holy Spirit
surround you and sustain you in the coming days. **AMEN.**

*POSTLUDE