



**Welcome Home Sunday  
Communion Sunday  
September 9, 2018 10:30 a.m.**

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## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND LIFE ..... **"Give Love"**  
Andy Grammar feat. LunchMoney Lewis  
(Please use this time for preparing your mind, body and soul for worship)

CALL TO WORSHIP ..... ~David Inglis (edited)

In every one of us there is a longing for home.

**It's a longing for a place**

**where we are known, accepted, and loved for who we are.**

It's a longing for a place

where we are nourished, welcomed, guided, and challenged.

**It's a longing to belong,**

**and to create a home where more and more are accepted.**

God calls to us,

"You are home. You are in my love. You are in my Word. You are home."

**Our hearts respond, "We are home. We are here. We are home."**

\*OPENING HYMNS ..... **"Big House"** ..... Audio Adrenaline

## WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION ..... ~Rev. John Buchanan

**Startle us, O God, with your truth and open our hearts and our minds to your wondrous love. Speak your word to us; silence in us any voice but your own and be with us now as we turn our attention, our minds, and our hearts, to you, in Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

RESPONSIVE READING..... **Psalm 68**

SCRIPTURE..... John 14:1-2, 18-24

CHORAL ANTHEM ..... **"Welcome"**..... #3152 W&S

CHILDREN'S HYMN..... **"Where Children Belong"**..... #2233 FWS

CHILDREN'S TIME..... *Blessing the Backpacks*

SERMON ..... *A Place for Us*

TIME OF REFLECTION

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE..... **"Surely the Presence of the Lord"**..... #328 UMH

INVITATION ..... **"Table of Grace"**..... Worship Wall

CONFESSION ..... **"Table of Grace"**..... Worship Wall

ASSURANCE..... **"Table of Grace"**..... Worship Wall

JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our God who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen**

GREAT THANKSGIVING ..... Worship Wall

THE GIVING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

*Everyone is welcome at the communion table in the United Methodist Church, whether you are a member of this church or any church. Juice is used in the cup. Please follow the directions for communion as given by the worship leader.*

## **WE TAKE GOD'S WORD WITH US INTO THE WORLD**

\*CLOSING HYMN **"He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought"** (vs 1 & 2) .... #128 UMH

\*BENEDICTION..... ~ *John 14:23-29*

Hear the words of Jesus:

*If you love me, then listen to my voice and do what I say.  
And I and my Father will draw close to you,  
and will make our home within you.  
I am leaving you with a gift—a gift the world cannot give:  
peace of heart and mind.  
So do not let your heart be troubled or afraid.*

Go from here to love and serve the Lord,  
confident in the peace that Christ offers to each one of us.

\*POSTLUDE