

# July 16, 2023

(\*\*Indicates, please stand as able)

Greeting/Life of the Church

Prelude Jim McPeek

\*\*Call to Worship

Liturgist: Come, let us worship the Lord our God.

**People: We are the Lord's people.**

Liturgist: As we worship the Lord, let us open our ears.

**People: May we both hear and heed the word of the Lord.**

Liturgist: As we worship the Lord, let us open our eyes.

**People: May we both see and perceive the will of the Lord.**

Liturgist: As we worship the Lord, let us open our hearts.

**People: May we understand with our hearts and please the Lord with our lives.**

\*\*Opening Hymn (v. 1-4) UMH #57

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Opening Prayer (unison)

**Lord, you know us so well. We thank you for your presence in our lives, even when we don't recognize it. Today we come after a week of navigating the wilderness of life. Speak to our hearts and shape us to become stronger witnesses for your love as we receive your word and find our spirits and lives healed. AMEN.**

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn "Thy Word Is a Lamp" UMH #601

Prayers of the Faithful & the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, 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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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.**

Offering/Offertory Jim McPeek

\*\*Doxology UMH #95

\*\*Prayer of Dedication

**Just as your word is a light to our path, Holy One, may our offering of praise be a light to the world. In this season of fruitful gardens, help us share bountiful harvests of our own making. Whether our offering be of our time, wealth, or prayer, receive and multiply our gifts through the glory of your love. Amen.**

Scripture Reading Psalm 119:105-112

L: The Word of God for the People of God.

**P: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Ministry of Music Suzanne Bandy and Beth Latella, vocal duet  
"Be Thou My Vision" Beth Latella, piano

Sermon "Word Wise" Pastor Jeff Bandy

\*\*Closing Hymn "Hymn of Promise" UMH #707

\*\*Sending Forth

Postlude Jim McPeek



*Thank you to all the volunteers who decorated the Altar and the entire church for Vacation Bible School.*

## Scripture Reading – Psalm 119:105-112 (NRSV)

- <sup>105</sup> Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.
- <sup>106</sup> I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to observe your righteous ordinances.
- <sup>107</sup> I am severely afflicted; give me life, O LORD, according to your word.
- <sup>108</sup> Accept my offerings of praise, O LORD, and teach me your ordinances.
- <sup>109</sup> I hold my life in my hand continually, but I do not forget your law.
- <sup>110</sup> The wicked have laid a snare for me, but I do not stray from your precepts.
- <sup>111</sup> Your decrees are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart.
- <sup>112</sup> I incline my heart to perform your statutes forever, to the end.

### WELCOME VISITORS!

If you are visiting with us today, please take a moment to sign our attendance register located in each pew. We welcome you and hope you will come back and worship with us again soon.



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## July 16, 2023 - Worship Team

Ushers	Gerald Mahan, Chad Mossing, Gary Allen, Will Mossing
Greeters	Dick Montgomery, Sandy Pramer
Liturgist	Joyce Smith
Guest Organist	Jim McPeek



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