

Call to Worship

L: Hear the good news: People who are lost are being found.

P: Glory, glory, hallelujah!

L: Hear the good news: God goes out into the wilderness of our lives, seeking us when we are lost.

P: Glory, glory, hallelujah!

L: To Christ Jesus, full of faith and love; to the Ruler of the Ages, immortal, invisible; to the Spirit of peace and mercy,

P: all honor and glory are yours forever and ever. Amen!

Opening Prayer

God of abundant grace, may your Holy Spirit be with us now as we worship you this day. Open our eyes to truly see one another, that we might discover your presence in the smile of a neighbor. Open our ears to the needs of the world, that we might hear your wisdom in the words spoken around us. And open our hearts to your grace and love, that we might find guidance and strength for the journey, for ourselves and for one another. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Opening Hymn **“How Great Thou Art”** **UMH#77**

Passing the Peace of Christ

“The Peace of Christ be with you.”

“And also with you.”

Children’s Time

Scriptures

Jessie Tunnell

Luke 15:1-10 (NIV)

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.” Then Jesus told them this parable: “Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn’t he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found

my lost sheep.’ I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent. “Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn’t she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.’ In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

1 Timothy 1:12-17 (NIV)

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service. Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life. Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message **“Seeking the Lost”** **Pastor Peter Choi**

Hymn **“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”** **UMH#348**

Joys and Concerns

Prayer List: Family & Friends of Bonnie Westengaard, Lyra Johnson, Gary Smidt, Larry Anderson, Joe Hultquist, Lori Conyer’s Father, and Merlin Beahm.
Happy Birthday to Larry Snavelly, Tim Tunnell, Elaine Curren, Mary Nuss & Debra Smidt.

Remembering 9/11—21 years later

Pastoral Prayer—Lord's Prayer

Offertory Music

“Doxology “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

Offertory Prayer

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for these gifts and ask that they be used to help the needy in our community and throughout the world. As we offer you these gifts, we offer ourselves as well, that together we might transform the world with your grace and love. Amen.

Closing Hymn “Go, Make of All Disciples” UMH#571

Benediction

May we who have been found by the grace and overwhelming love of God, now become those who seek with grace and joy. Go into your world with open eyes and longing hearts. And may the peace of God resonate in every invitation and every welcome. Amen.

Sending Forth

Postlude

Glen Haselbarth



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Order of Worship

10:00 a.m.

September 11, 2022

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

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Welcome and Announcements

1. Please continue to remember, support, and pray for children's ministry, youth's ministry, UMW, our committees, bell choir, and Bible Study group..
2. The volunteer sheets are on the bulletin board in the west hallway. Please write your names on the sheet if you want to be involved in the church ministry.
3. The deadline for the church conference will be October 3. Please prepare all work before the date.
4. Following worship, there will be a hospitality team meeting in the library.
5. UMW meeting will be at 9:30 am, September 14, in room 300.
6. Finance Meeting will be at 7:00 pm, September 14 in the library.
7. Join us for refreshments following worship.
8. Last week we received offerings of \$3,802. Thank you for the offerings and prayers.