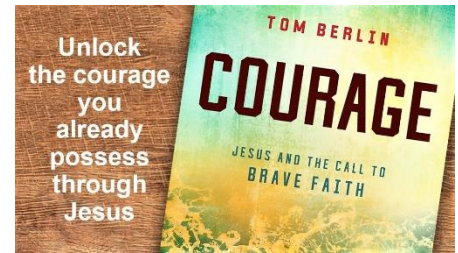


August 29, 2021: Worship Information
Holy Communion (*indiv. cups*)

Welcoming God's Presence



Prelude

*Song of Praise “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”  UMH Pg. 384

*Words of Welcome

*Call To Worship ¹

Leader: Summer wanes and the autumn draws close.

People: Lord, help us to be ready for opportunities of service.

Leader: We have felt the refreshment of time-away.

People: Lord, give us spirits of courage for the times ahead.

Leader: Come, let us celebrate God's eternal presence and love.

People: Let us open our spirits to receive God's direction for our lives.

*Song of Gathering “O For a Thousand Tongues 1,3-5”  UMH Pg. 57

We Lift Our Prayers to God

Readers Theater ² “Playing Church”

Time of Silence and Reflection

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

All: 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 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.

*Offering and Doxology  UMH Pg. 94

We Hear the Word of God

Congregational Anthem “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”  UMH Pg. 140

Children's Time “Back To School” Tammy & Preschool]

New Testament Reading #1 Luke 15:11-13, 20-21

¹¹ Jesus said, “A certain man had two sons. ¹² The younger son said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the inheritance.’ Then the father divided his estate between them. ¹³ Soon afterward, the younger son gathered

everything together and took a trip to a land far away. There, he wasted his wealth through extravagant living.

²⁰ So he got up and went to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with compassion. His father ran to him, hugged him, and kissed him. ²¹ Then his son said, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son.'


New Testament Reading #2 Romans 8:38-39

³⁸ I'm convinced that nothing can separate us from God's love in Christ Jesus our Lord: not death or life, not angels or rulers, not present things or future things, not powers ³⁹ or height or depth, or any other thing that is created.

Today's Message **"The Love of Courage"**

We Respond to the Word

Holy Communion (*indiv. cups*)


 UMH Pg. 12, 15-16

We Take God's Love Into the World

Connection Points (Announcements)

*Benediction

*Song of Mission "Victory in Jesus 1,2"

 UMH Pg. 370

* Stand as you are able (People speak **BOLD** words)

1 www.ministrymatters.com

2 *ibid.*

3 *Courage: Jesus and the Call to Brave Faith* by Tom Berlin, 2021

CONNECTION POINTS:

1. Disciple Bible Study – 34 weeks (School year) 7:00 Thursdays. Get your workbooks; first class 8/26 (No classes on holidays weeks, no class 9/9) Last 2 Weeks material in a retreat setting.
2. Next Sunday Rev. Loren Drummond – Next Series "Engaging in Biblical Justice"
3. Justice Team members needed
4. The HUB mission options: September 20th at 7pm on Zoom

Readers Theater ² “Playing Church”

Reader 1: What does it mean, to “play church”?

Reader 2: To me, it means that you are pretending to have Jesus in your life. You are going through the motions but you’re not really meaning what you do or say; or you are doing and saying “religious” things just to make people think you are holy or something.

Reader 1: Someone said that many folks are really afraid of being the church.....it’s easier to “play church”. If you are playing church, that must mean that you go through the motions on Sunday, but the rest of the week you forget things like hope, forgiveness, sincerity, compassion.....you know what I mean.

Reader 2: I think you’re right. If you are being the church, then the values of hope and peace, love and joy, which you speak of in church are actually an integral part of your life. You have the courage to really mean what you say.

Reader 1: Then courageous living is truly responding to being fed by the “living bread” - being those who actually do what Christ requires of them. Sounds like something I want to do. Let’s get going.