

**PENTECOST 14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY**

**09/06/2020**

**10:00 am**

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**A special word of welcome to those visiting our church today. Please stand for acts of worship designated with an asterisk (\*). Any who prefer may “rise up” in spirit only, if physically standing presents difficulties.**

**GATHERING**

**CHIMES CALLING US TO PREPARE FOR WORSHIP**

**PRELUDE**

**“Calvary’s Love”**

**Nancy Cook, Organist**

**Welcome and Announcements: Pastor**

(The prayer station in the back of the sanctuary is available for lighting a candle or leaving a prayer note any time before, during, or after worship).

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP: YOU ARE THE LIGHT...Leader and Congregation**

L: You are the light of the world.

**C: A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.**

L: Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl.

**C: Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.**

L: In the same way,

**UNISON: I will let my light shine before others, that they may see my good deeds and glorify my Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:14-16-NIV)**

**\*UM Hymn # 558**

*We Are the Church*

**OPENING PRAYER: UNISON:**

Our Heavenly **Father**, we recognize and worship you as One God in Three inseparable **People**. By the unity of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit that the world and all therein was created and sustained to this day. Almighty, yet Merciful God, we Your Children find ourselves in places and situations for which we neither yearn nor pray. We live in a world filled with so much anxieties, anger, hatred, bitterness and violence that seem to overshadow Your inspired Christian values of love and forgiveness, O Lord. We are on edge at every point, that just a hint of disagreement would upset and lead us to overblown and aggressive responses. We cannot continue like this, O Lord, Creator and Sustainer. Gracious Grant us deep insight to see the intrinsic beauty in each person around us so that we can accept, love and care for each other just as you do for all of us. Please hear our cry for the transformation of our world, and the renewal of our lives to the glory and honor of Your Holy Name. Amen!

**APPROCHING THE LORD’S TABLE: Pastor and Congregation (See Insert)**

**PRAISE TEAM**

**Communion Music**

**(TAKE YOUR OFFERING/TITHES TO NEAREST PLATES)**

**GOD’S WORD IN SCRIPTURE**

**SPECIAL MUSIC:**

**“As the Dear”**

**Jane Wermeling & Jeanne Whiteside**

**Gospel:**

*Matthew 18:15-20 (ESV)*

**WITNESSING TO THE WORD**

**THEME: TENSIONS IN INTERPERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS - A Christian’s approach.....**

**MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER - Pastor**

**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.**

**\*UM Hymnal/FWS # 2223**

*They'll Know We Are Christian By Our Love*

**\*SENDING FORTH IN GOD'S LOVE AND CARE: Pastor**

**\*POSTLUDE:**

**Nancy Cook, Organist**

**Thank you for being a part of today's worship experience.**

**Rest assured God loves you, and so do we!**

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**Joy McClelland: Custodian**

**Dennis Clay: Pianist**

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Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**Cong: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**Cong: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Cong: It is right to give thanks and praise to our God.**

Pastor: Let us now prepare our hearts for Christ's compassionate love to flow in us, so that through us the world might experience the transforming power of his redemptive work demonstrated on the cross for our sake.

**Cong: Through repentance and humility, we open our hearts and offer ourselves to the transforming power of Christ's redeeming love.**

Pastor: On the night before his betrayal and trial, Jesus shared one last meal with his disciples. What could he do to empower them to continue his redemptive work when he was gone back to heaven? Jesus loved his followers, and his heart went out to them. He took the bread, said a prayer to heaven, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, saying: "Take, eat, this is my body broken for you!" After a while, Jesus took a cup of grape juice, said a prayer to heaven, and gave it to his friends, saying: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant poured out for you and for many." He instructed them to remember him whenever they eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

**Cong: When we receive Christ's body, we are united with him in his mission. When we receive Christ's blood, we are assured of his forgiven grace that cleanses and sets us free from all guilt and are made right with our God and neighbors.**

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## *Matthew 18:15-20 (ESV)*

<sup>15</sup> “If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. <sup>16</sup> But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup> If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup> Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed<sup>[a]</sup> in heaven. <sup>19</sup> Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup> For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”