

# WILLAPA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

All are invited to stand as able for items marked with an \*. Songs are in the United Methodist Hymnal (UMH) and/or The Faith We Sing (TFWS). Congregational responses appear in **bold**.

ALL ARE INVITED TO JOIN IN FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING WORSHIP

### GATHERING TIME

#### INVITATION TO WORSHIP

**\*OPENING MUSIC** Great Is Thy Faithfulness UMH 140

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Light-giving God:

our praises spring up like flowers on a spring day;

**our songs of joy are lifted to you;**

**our hearts overflow with your kindness and generosity.**

Jesus, Beloved Child: you look through the lattice of the world at our lives, our hearts, our souls.

**You speak to us with tenderness and strength,  
calling us to come away from rigid legalism  
to lives of grace and hope.**

Truth-speaking Spirit: we look in a mirror and see God's child;  
we walk away and forget whose we are.

**Move within us and reshape us into God's beloved children,  
living within that circle of blessing called the kingdom.**

**God, we hear your words every day, but struggle to live them out. Our anger roars like a flooded creek, but our forgiveness drips like a rusty faucet. Our tongues rush to judgment while our words of hope sound like a sluggish soundtrack. We listen with impatient ears to the cries of the poor. May your mercy fall on us like a summer shower on parched grass; may your hope overflow our hearts; may your Beloved Child, Jesus Christ, speak to us and call us to life.**

**\*RESPONSIVE SONG** The Gift of Love

UMH 408

### FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

#### READING THE WORD

Pew Bible

James 1:17-27

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The Word of God for all people.

**Thanks Be to God!**

**MESSAGE** Doers of the Word

**\*RESPONSIVE SONG** Open My Eyes

UMH 454

### HOLY COMMUNION

### SHARING AND PRAYER

#### GIVING

UMH 641

**\*DOXOLOGY**

UMH 95

**\*SPECIAL MUSIC** Shalom

**\*SENDING FORTH**

**Thank you, God, for each person who by their presence, gifts and  
graces bring our worship and fellowship to life!**

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**Welcome  
to  
Willapa**

*Be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. James 1.27*

Heavenly Lover,  
your Word is neither command nor prediction,  
but love,  
given and received,

Give me ears to hear  
beneath the clutter of this world and the chatter of my mind  
your steady love,  
your quiet delight.

Give me faith to embody your Word,  
to join your love,  
to do what increases your delight,  
for that alone increases mine.  
Amen.

*"A doer of the Word" by Steve Garnass-Holmes, unfoldinglight.net*



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**We are blessed because you came!**

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