

# WILLAPA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## Sixteenth 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** Praise to the Lord the Almighty UMH 139

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

Here, in this place, we sing the good news.

**We praise God, now and always.**

Here, with this people, we learn to live the good news.

**We will walk with Jesus, wherever he leads.**

Here, in these moments, we learn to tell the good news.

**We will be open to all the Holy Spirit is doing in our midst.**

So many choices, so many paths to take, so much good we could do. We bring our lives and hearts to you, as we journey on your holy road, God. **Open our eyes that we may see the depths of your love, the abundance of your mercy, the boundlessness of your grace. As the scripture is read and your Word proclaimed, we trust that you are leading us, that we may freely choose the path to which you have called us, through Christ our Lord.**  
Amen.

**\*RESPONSIVE SONG** Wonderful Words of Life UMH 600

### FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

#### READING THE WORD

Mark 7:24-37

The Word of God for all people.

**Thanks Be to God!**

Pew Bible  
NT 40

#### MESSAGE

**\*RESPONSIVE SONG** He Touched Me

UMH 367

#### SHARING AND PRAYER

#### GIVING

UMH 641

#### **\*DOXOLOGY**

UMH 95

**\*CLOSING SONG** Together We Serve

TFWS 2175

#### **\*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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*They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him ... away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." Mark 7.32-34*

Be opened, ears  
that I may hear what the Beloved is whispering to me.

Be opened, lips  
that I may sing of the grace I behold.

Be opened, heart,  
to the mystery that unfolds, the love that abounds.

Be opened, friend,  
to me, and who I am, and who you may be.

Be opened. mind,  
to all that exceeds what you already know.

Be opened, soul,  
to this world and its grace.

Be opened, self,  
to be healed, to be changed.

Be opened, heavens,  
to receive us, to commune here with us.

Let this be today's prayer: Ephphatha! Be opened!

*'Be opened', Steve Garnass-Holmes, unfoldinglight.net*

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**Welcome  
to  
Willapa**



**We are blessed because you came!**

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