The liturgical color is green, signifying life and growth in the Christian Church, it is the twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE "The Gift to Be Simple" Dale Wood

Amy Bender, organist

WELCOME

9:00 Don Humphrey | 11:00 Chris Fournier, Liturgists

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Something awakened us this morning - perhaps day's dawning, the smell of brewing coffee, the sounds of alarm on the shelf or a newspaper thudding at the door.

And now we gather with awakened spirits to worship with others the Creator of this day. Something moved us this morning - we left behind a sufficiency of sleep or a restless night, we engaged in feeding and dressing, we left our homes for here.

And now we gather in this place to worship the Christ who moves among us and to follow the Spirit which leads us into deeds of love.

May ours be a faith that is both awake and moving as we serve our God.

Come Holy Spirit, breathe into us anew your breath of abundant life!

Adapted from Touch Holiness by Ruth C. Duck and Maren C. Tirabassi

"From All That Dwell Below the Skies" **UMH #101** *OPENING HYMN

*OPENING PRAYER

"Celebrate with Ringing" Michael Mazzatenta ANTHEM 9:00

Canticle Bells

"Great Is the Lord" 11:00 arr. Bruce Greer

Chancel Choir; Bonnie Budziak, accompanist

Psalm 78:1-7, p. 417 **SCRIPTURE**

KIN-DOM SIGNS

Children are invited to stay in worship or meet in the Narthex to go to Sunday School

SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

You may place your offering in the Offering Box at the entrance of the Sanctuary or give online using the link on the back of the bulletin

OFFERTORY 9:00

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

arr. Kevin McChesney

11:00

"Steal Away"

arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

*DOXOLOGY #94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SHARING STORIES OF GOD AT WORK THROUGH CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

HYMN OF CENTERING

"The Summons"

TFWS 2130

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 25:1-13, p.702

MESSAGE

"Inspired: Inspiring Others"

Rev. Steve Stultz Costello

*HYMN OF MISSION

"Whom Shall I Send?"

Hymn History: The words to this hymn were written by Fred Pratt Green. Rev. Green was born in Lancashire, England in 1903. Rev. Green felt the calling to ministry and selected the Methodist Church over the Anglican Church because of its open communion policy. He served in many posts in the Methodist Church including being the District Superintendent in Brighton and in York. He wrote over 300 hymns. One of his hymns was selected for the official order of service for the Silver Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth Il'in 1977. Rev. Green established a trust in 1984 where the royalties from his hymns were used to benefit authors, composer and user of hymns. He was honored as a Member of the British Empire (MBE) by the Queen Elizabeth in 1995. He died in London in 2000 at age 97.

^{*}Congregation invited to stand if able

*FAITH IN ACTION

*BENEDICTION

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Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen. Amen. Amen.

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POSTLUDE

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Piet Post



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Flowers presented by Mike & Kathy Fellows In Memory of Ray and Vonnie Watson, Parents & Grandparents

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