

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

PRELUDE "Voluntary in D" John Stanley
Amy Bender, organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Dr. Ivy Smith

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We come to worship wanting to know the Way.

Jesus said, "I am the Way."

We come to worship hungry for the Truth.

Jesus said, "I am the Truth."

We come to worship seeking Life.

Jesus said, "I am the Life."

Lord, show us the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Lord, reveal yourself to us and show us who you have called us to be.

***OPENING PRAYER**

O God. Like the disciples two thousand years ago, we want to know the way, the truth and the life. Your reply throughout the ages and still today is clear and consistent—when we know you, we know the way, the truth and the life. Then help us to know you more fully Lord, not just with our heads, but with our hearts and our whole being. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** "God of Love and God of Power" UMH #578

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC "Is He Worthy?" arr. Lloyd Larson
4 Him Quartet: Becky Bieder, Noralee Starr, Jon Nixon, Jay Taylor

SCRIPTURE READING John 13:31-35 & 1 John 4:12

**Congregation invited to stand if able*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THIRD GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATIONS

Congregation to Children:

We rejoice in this step in your journey with God.

We pray God will guide you, your family, and us as you use this Holy Bible in your home, in your church school classes, and in our worship. We promise to learn with you and grow together in love for God's word.

BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING

Children are invited to meet in the Narthex to go to Sunday School

SERVING & GIVING EMPHASIS

OFFERTORY "All I Need" arr. John Purifoy

***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

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** "Together We Serve" TFWS #2175

Hymn History: This hymn was written by Daniel Charles Damon. Born in 1955 in Rapid City, South Dakota, Rev. Damon is a retired Elder in the United Methodist Church. His church was in Richmond, California. A graduate of Pacific University of Theology, he has taught church music there. He is the Associate Editor of *Hymnody* for the Hope Publishing Company. Rev. Damon is also a jazz pianist who has the Dan Damon Quartet with Sheila Alix that plays jazz and gospel songs. He was awarded a Fellow of the Hymn Society by the Hymn Society of the United States and Canada in 2016.

SCRIPTURE John 14:1-7

MESSAGE

I Am/We Are: I am the way, the truth and the life

Rev. Steve Stultz Costello

***HYMN** "Lord, God, Your Love has Called Us Here"

UMH #579

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION SUNG RESPONSE** "Go Now In Peace"

**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

"Voluntary in C"

Purcell



Altar Flowers are presented by Kay Lingafelter & Family
In Loving Memory of Ron Lingafelter,
Husband, Father, Grandfather, and Great Grandfather

**Through Labor Day,
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& one Traditional Service at 11 AM
both livestreamed**

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