

**Sunday, September 19, 2021**

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**“Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.”**

\*Please stand if able...

PRELUDE

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Who among you is seeking the wisdom of God?

**People: We long to hear God’s Word spoken to our hearts.**

Leader: Who among you is seeking God’s bright and holy truth?

**People: We long to learn the ways of wisdom and righteousness.**

Leader: Who among you is seeking a Spirit-filled life?

**People: We long to live lives of holiness and light.**

Leader: God grants God’s wisdom generously to all who ask. Come near, people of God! Let us worship in wisdom and truth.

**\*OPENING HYMN:** *Just a Closer Walk With Thee*

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**LITURGIST SCHEDULE**

September 19<sup>th</sup> Jack Makela

September 26<sup>th</sup> Sue Malevich

October 3<sup>rd</sup> Warren Ross

**USHER SCHEDULE**

Sept 19<sup>th</sup> DeEtta Annala

Sept 26<sup>th</sup> Deborah Ross-Jagunich and Warren  
Ross

October 3<sup>rd</sup> Jack and Gerri Makela

**YARD WORK SCHEDULE**

Sept 13<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> Jagunich

Sept 20<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> John and Norma

Sept 27<sup>th</sup>-Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> Kern

Scripture Readings for next week (September 26<sup>th</sup>)

Psalms 124 (UMH 846)

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

James 5:13-20

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

After worship service today we will begin our Coffee An' schedule...Sue will be serving.

Sunday School will be starts this morning.

Bible Study will start on Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. downstairs. The books are in the office. We are asking for a donation of \$10.00 per book.

## **OPENING PRAYER**

**We draw near to your, O God, Source of all understanding, and ask you to draw near to us. Teach us your wisdom from above, that we may bear good fruit in our lives. Root us beside the streams of your wisdom, that the green leaves of our goodness, fed by your insight, may not wither.**  
**AMEN**

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**O God, we live our lives as best we can – dealing with difficult relationships and situations, putting failures and disappointments behind us, and moving into each new day with as much energy, goodwill, and optimism as we can muster. But here, right now, we seldom have the right answers, we seldom seek your higher wisdom in our lives, we just move ahead. Forgive us for not asking for your insight. Fill us with your wisdom, that we may live lives of goodness and peace.**  
**AMEN**

**PSALM READING:** Psalm 1 (read responsively – page 738 UMH)

**\*HYMN:** *Jesus Loves Me*

## CHILDREN'S TIME

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Silent prayers...

### LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 and ever.**

**AMEN**

**\*HYMN:** *Are You Able* 530

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:** Proverbs 31:10-31

**EPISTLE LESSON:** James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

**GOSPEL LESSON:** Mark 9:30-37

MESSAGE Pastor MaryLou

**\*HYMN:** *Lord, I Want To Be A Christian* 402

## RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS/MUSIC

### DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below: praise Him above Ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

**AMEN**

Please leave your offering in the plate on the stand as you enter or leave the sanctuary.

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

**Gracious God, grant us the grace to be extravagant in the gifts we give to you. Help us be wise and just in how we live with the resources we keep. Guide us in the way to live that bear the fruit that is pleasing to you: lives full of mercy and compassion. Free us from envy and selfish ambition that leads us away from you, that we might draw near to you. We pray in the love and hope that is Jesus, our Savior.**

**AMEN**

### BENEDICTION

**HYMN:** *More Like You* Insert

POSTLUDE