



July 18, 2021

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgists:

8:30am Joyce Teghtmeyer;

10:30am Madella Shelton

***Please Stand**

Prelude Sophia Lee

Words of Welcome

Opening Prayer Rev. Chuck Horton

Announcements Liturgist

*CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist

Leader: Living God, you declared in your Word that humans cannot live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceeds from your mouth. Speak, Lord, we are hungry for your Word.

People: Loving God, you declared in your Word that the day would come when there would be a famine that would overtake your people, a famine not of bread, but a famine of hearing your Word. Speak, Lord, we are starving for your Word.

Leader: Redeeming God, we read in your Word, that before you raised up the prophet Samuel, that "the Word of the Lord was rare in those days and there was no frequent vision." And when you spoke to him, Samuel said "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening." So, we say, "Speak again, Lord, speak to us, for we your servants are listening.

People: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." And Jesus said, "If you have ears to hear, use them!" So we say, "Speak, Lord! We have ears, and we want to use them!"

(Please be seated)

Opening Hymn	“O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing”	UMH 451
	“Be Thou My Vision”	UMH 463

***UNISON PRAYER**

Liturgist

O God, we cannot fool you by pretending to pay attention to your voice. We ask that you heal our deafness, opening our ears, letting us listen to the Word of Life. We read in the scriptures how there were people in a city where they "stopped up their ears" and refused to listen. There are those today who stop up their ears, not wanting to hear what you have to say to us. Lord, we want to hear your voice breaking through the din and clutter of all the noise, all the error, all the lies, all the uproar. We will listen, but we need you to speak. Bless our Sunday School Teachers, our Bible Study leaders, our Preacher, our Prophets, that they may hear your voice speaking to them and may, in turn, share your Word faithfully and earnestly and urgently with us. For your Words are beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life. Do not be far from us, Living God, and do not be silent. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*Doxology		UMH 94
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*Lesson from the Gospel	2 Timothy 4:1-5	Rev. Chuck Horton
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Sermon		Rev. Chuck Horton
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“Preach the Word”

Special Music	“Thy Word Is Like a Garden, Lord”	Arr. by Ken Berg
	Choir Ensemble, Jeri Marie Packard, Flute	

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer

*Invitation Hymn	“A Charge to Keep I Have”	UMH 413
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*Benediction

*Parting Song		vs 1 only UMH 601
	“Thy Word is A Lamp Unto My Feet”	

Postlude		Sophia Lee
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