

**August 22, 2021**

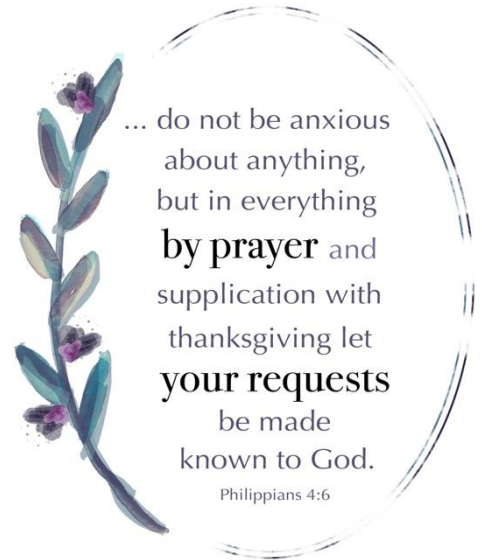
**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Liturgists:**

**8:30am Angela Marsee;**

**10:30am Todd Doyals**

**\*Please Stand**



Prelude

Sophia Lee

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Rev. Diana Northcutt

Announcements

Liturgist

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Liturgist

Leader: We come to worship you this morning, O God, on the first day of this new week.

**People: It is a week for us to be joyful and adore you.**

Leader: You ask us not for sacrifice, but for love. You ask us to be humble and merciful to the hurting ones around us.

**People: You call us to be your faithful people, that is, your full of faith people, and to lend our faith to those who need it.**

\*Opening Hymn

“Take Time to Be Holy”

UMH 395

UNISON PRAYER

Liturgist

Let us Pray: **Living God, the disciples saw the faith and authority of Jesus first-hand. They saw his compassion upon the heart-broken, the hurting, the hopeless. They saw him bring healing to the sick, the battered, the bruised by life. He sent them out to heal the sick and free those captive to evil. He told them that they were to be lights in the darkness. So, God, as you sent them, so you send us. On any day, at any hour, you may call us to live out our baptism. You will heal us so that our eyes begin to see the invisible people around us and our ears will begin to hear what they may be too afraid or too ashamed to say or the things they feel so deeply that they have no language to describe their needs. Deliver us from our four-fold**

**problems: from not paying attention to the people all around us; from not listening to their hearts; from not hearing your own Holy Spirit telling us how to love them; from our fear and hesitancy, our lack of boldness to risk caring. Set us free from these four realities that we may love others and love you as we should. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

Choir Anthem	"Lord, Who Knows My Heart"	by Daniel Burton
*Doxology		UMH 94
*Scripture	Ephesians 6:10-19	Rev. Diana Northcutt
Sermon	"Be Ready"	Rev. Diana Northcutt
Children's Moment		Mason Carmon
	Blessing of Backpacks for students, educators, and staff (Children return to seats)	
Affirmation of Faith	Apostles' Creed	UMH 881
Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer		
*Invitation Hymn	"Sweet Hour of Prayer"	UMH 496
*Benediction		
*Parting Song	"Go Now Peace"	UMH 665
Postlude		Sophia Lee

