

Laity Sunday Worship Guide
September 26, 2021
18th Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude "All Glory, Laud and Honor"
Ju-Bellation Bell Choir, Maxine Page, Director

Words of Welcome 8:30 – Faye Henson;
10:30 - Todd Doyals, Chair, Church Council
Special Laity Recognition: UMW Special Recognition for Mission
Helen Swearingin, Cheryl Vogt (and remembering Richard)
UMW Gift to Mission – Kelley Ramey

Opening Prayer Joyce Tegtmeyer, Lay Leader/Speaker

Announcements Faye Henson, President, Weatherford UMW

*Call to Worship: Joyce Tegtmeyer
In autumn, beauty blue sky and golden land is clothed. Apple-gathering children
and nut-gathering squirrels alike prepare for winter.

**In our tradition, harvest is a time of rejoicing in God's natural bounty and the
ingathering of our lives.**

We praise God for all we have received. Seasons turn but God's love is
changeless.

**We praise God for all we have received. Maple leaves dancing, crisp breezes
blowing, the good news stories of Jesus' sojourn in Galilee, and the
restless winds of the Spirit rushing through our lives – all these assure
us of God's faithful presence.**

*Opening Hymn "Oh God, Our Help in Ages Past" UMH 117 (vs 1,3,5,6)

Unison Prayer: (please be seated)

**Dear God, you are the author and source of our lives. You spread before us
many pathways in this world of wilderness, and we are free to choose our own
path. In our process of choosing, Great Spirit, lend us guidance. In our
moments of despair, encourage us and broaden our perspective. In our
moments of failure, empower us with strength to try again. In our moments of**

victory, teach us humility. Send us your loving spirit, that we may be agents of care and concern. Open our ears that we may hear each other. Warm our hearts that we may care for one another and enlighten our minds that we may be about the tasks you set before us. Amen.

Children's Choir "This Little Light of Mine" Hope Sawatzky, Dir

Children's Moment Mason Carman

Chancel Choir Anthem "Lord I Know I've Been Changed" arr. by Larry Shackleton

*A responsive reading - Epistle lesson: Psalms 124 UMH 846
8:30 Faye Henson; 10:30 Abby Wright
Sophia Lee, piano; 8:30: Faye Henson vocal; 10:30: Torrey Curtis, vocal

*Doxology UMH 94

*Old Testament Lessons Micah 6:8; Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22
8:30: Madella Shelton; 10:30: Rachel & Logan Doyals

Message Dr. Diana Lovell

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer Rev. Chuck Horton

*Closing Hymn "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" UMW 127 (vs 1-3)

*Responsive Benediction: Faye Henson
As Jesus sent the disciples out into the countryside to preach and to heal, so
Christ sends us out to speak words of hope and to heal human hurts today;
We accept this mission to be God's people in the world.
Go on your way, rejoicing in the presence of God's Spirit, and in the power of the
gospel of love and hope.
For yours is the glory, O God, now and forever! Amen.

*Parting Song "On Eagle's Wings" vs 1 only UMH 143

Postlude Sophia Lee, piano/organ