

## Gathering & Welcoming God's Presence

Prelude

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GREETINGS

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Adult Bible Studies -- Sundays @9:30am
2. Link article deadline is October 15, with publishing by November 1<sup>st</sup>.
3. Charge Conference 12/1 @4:00pm

**OPENING PRAYER:** We praise your abiding guidance, O God, for it is you alone who restores life and health to the suffering and to those who wander from the truth. By your grace, may we offer powerful and effective prayers for one another and the world. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

**Psalm 124**

Leader: If the Lord had not been on our side—let Israel say—If the Lord had not been on our side when people attacked us.

**People: They would have swallowed us alive when their anger flared against us.**

Leader: The flood would have engulfed us, the torrent would have swept over us.

**People: The raging waters would have swept us away.**

Leader: Praise be to the Lord, who has not let us be torn by their teeth. We have escaped like a bird from the fowler's snare; the snare has been broken and we have escaped.

**All: Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Maker of the heaven and earth. Amen.**

**Hymn: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty** UMH#139

**TIME TO SHARE OUR JOY AND CONCERN**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**Pastor Kalo**

## LUMC's Vision Statement:

**"Show God's love by accepting, supporting, and serving all people." Matthew 25:35,36,40**

## **The Lord's Prayer (in unison)**

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 and ever. Amen.

## **OFFERING**

## **DOXOLOGY**

**UMH#95**

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Gracious God, we dedicate these offerings to your service. May our gifts bring hope and relief to those in need. Guide us to use these resources to promote justice, mercy, and compassion in our community. May we always act with gratitude and wisdom, recognizing your providence in all we do. Bless these gifts and those who give them so that, together, we may reflect your providence in all we do. Bless these gifts and those who give them so that, together, we may reflect your love and grace in the world. In Christ, our savior and redeemer, we pray. Amen.

**\*HYMN; What a Friend we Have in Jesus** UMH#526

## **SCRIPTURE**

**Mark 9:38-50**

## **Message: Be the Salt of the Earth!**

**\*HYMN; Leaning on the Everlasting Arms** UMH#133

**\*BENEDICTION:** Friends, let's go forth in peace. The Spirit of the Lord is upon you and has anointed you. You are the salt of the earth, and you bring light to the world. Do not be afraid, for you are not alone. The God who made you will walk with you and guide you today, tomorrow, and every day. Amen.

**\*POSTLUDE**

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## **SCRIPTURE READING**      **Mark 9:38-50**

<sup>38</sup> “Teacher,” said John, “we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us.”

<sup>39</sup> “Do not stop him,” Jesus said. “For no one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, <sup>40</sup> for whoever is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup> Truly I tell you, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to the Messiah will certainly not lose their reward.

<sup>42</sup> “If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them if a large millstone were hung around their neck, and they were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup> If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out. <sup>44</sup> <sup>[a]</sup> <sup>45</sup> And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. <sup>46</sup> <sup>[b]</sup> <sup>47</sup> And if your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup> where “the worms that eat them do not die, and the fire is not quenched.”<sup>[c]</sup>

<sup>49</sup> Everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup> “Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt among yourselves and be at peace with each other.”



Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.

-Mark 9:50 ESV

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 29th, 2024

Sunday Worship 10:30 am

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