

Gathering & Welcoming God's Presence

Prelude

GREETINGS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

OPENING PRAYER: We praise your abiding guidance, O God, for you sent us Jesus, our Teacher and Messiah, to model for us the way of love for the whole universe. We offer these prayers of love on behalf of ourselves and our neighbors, on behalf of your creation and our fellow creatures. Open our ears to hear your word and draw us closer to you, that the whole world may be one with you as you are one with us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked or take the path that sinners tread or sit in the seat of scoffers.

People: But their delight is in the law of the Lord, and his law they meditate day and night

Leader: They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

People: The wicked are not so but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Leader: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgement nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

All: For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Hymn; Blessed Assurance

UMH#369

LUMC's Vision Statement:

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

TIME TO SHARE OUR JOY AND CONCERN

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Kalo

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

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Divine Source of Wisdom, we bring these offerings with hearts attuned to your call. As we gather in your presence, may our gifts reflect the wisdom and discernment you desire for us. Use these offerings to nurture understanding, compassion, and justice in our world. Guide us to listen and act with insight, spreading your love and grace. Transform our giving into actions that make a difference. Help us grow in our faith and commitment to your ways. In the holy name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

***HYMN; How Great Thou Art**

UMH#77

SCRIPTURE

Mark 9:30-37

Message: Greatness in God's Kingdom!

***HYMN;**

UMH#432

***BENEDICTION:** Beloved, may God continue to bless us with women who leads us as we follow the path of God's uncommon wisdom. May we recognize, nurture, respect, and support God's call on their lives today and all days. Amen.

***POSTLUDE**

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 9:30-37

³⁰ They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, ³¹ because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise.” ³² But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it.

³³ They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the road?”³⁴ But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest.

³⁵ Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, “Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all.”

³⁶ He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷ “Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me.”

Reader: This is the Word of God **Congregation:** Thanks be to God

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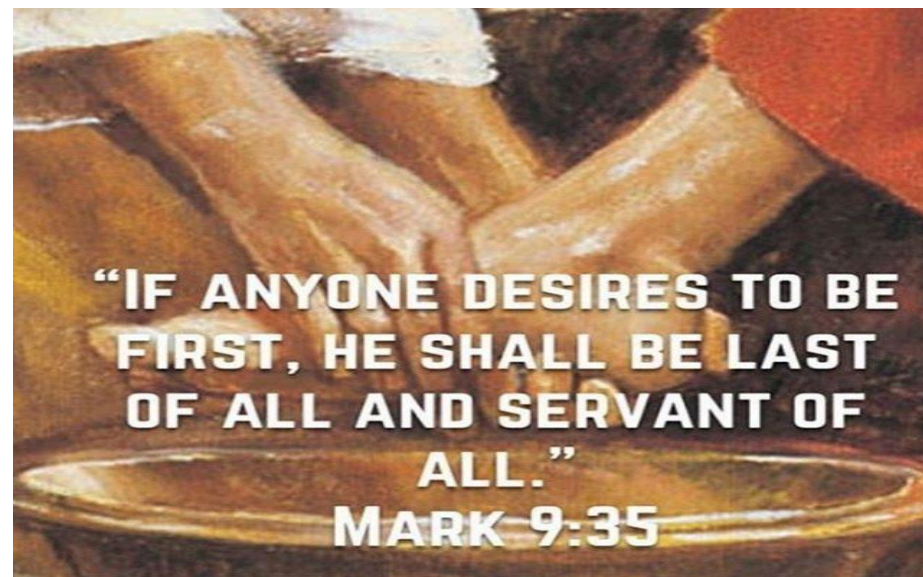
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Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 22nd, 2024

Sunday Worship 10:30 am

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