

**PLEASE LET US KNOW...**If you or someone you know is ill or in the hospital, let the church office know so that we can help in their healing process through our prayers, visits, etc. Thank you!

**THE CHANCEL BOUQUET IS GIVEN BY:** John & Karen Halligan to the glory of God in thanksgiving of 40 years of marriage.  
**PRAYERS & SYMPATHY TO:** Dot Nemeth and family on the death of her husband Zolton (Zollie) Nemeth.  
**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Doug Nemeth (son of Dot Nemeth), John Chwastyk, Mary Raroha, John & Catharine Carty, Pati Anne Feeley (daughter-in-law of Jan & Jack Feeley), Nancy Gager (Paul Gager's sister), Emmy Cahilly (11 yr. old niece of Shelly & Greg Kinkaid), Madison Luyber - her parents, Julie and Tony (friends of the Bewleys), Dan LaFon, Donna Lasoski, Walter Colby (brother-in-law of Jan & Jack Feeley), Jon King (Lisa Kulp's brother), Heather Oman (niece of The Youse/Mack Family), Richard Thompson (brother of Doris Gager), Bill (father-in-law of Sandra Handel's son), Jim & Sherry Heller and family (son of Carol Heller), Linda Wanagas, Tina Tesch (niece of Linda Wanagas), Penny McClellan (cousin of Linda Wanagas), Sheryl Moon (former South Valley Elementary School teacher).

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**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**9:00 A.M. Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary**  
**11:00 A.M. Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary**  
**Both services are live streamed on Facebook and YouTube**

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*"A community of faith committed to sharing the love of Jesus Christ  
with a hurting world through words and actions."*



<b>SEPTEMBER 5, 2021</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>11:00 A.M.</b>
<b>PRELUDE</b>	Prelude on Union Seminary	Callahan

**WELCOME**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (by Rev. Tony Sybrant)**

Leader: In the midst of storms it's easy to lose sight of the horizon.

**People: Yet if we keep our eyes fixed on God we are not lost.**

Leader: When waves and wind whip us about, we can lose heart.

**People: Yet if we remember God is with us we can take heart.**

Leader: On this voyage we're on we will face perils.

**People: Yet we will be courageous, for God has overcome the world!**

Leader: Day by day we are sustained with grace.

**People: By God's grace we are sustained, let us worship God!**

**\*OPENING HYMN 419**

I Am Thine, O Lord

**OPENING PRAYER**

**We praise you, O God, for the meaning that you give to our lives in and through Jesus. He is the sign of your deep and everlasting love for the world and we rejoice in his promise to sustain us with his life. We praise you for your never-ending saving grace. When all else fails, we know and give thanks that you are with us. May our worship and praise express our thanks, O God, for your gift to us of the true bread from heaven—Jesus Christ, your Son, our living Lord. Amen**

**YOUNG DISCIPLE'S TIME**

*Kids of all ages are invited forward for a fun learning time in person & virtually.*

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – THE APOSTLES' CREED #882**

**\*GLORIA PATRI 70**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

**CALL TO PRAYER TFWS #2157** Come and Fill Our Hearts

## **PASTORAL PRAYER**

### **CELEBRATING OUR GIFTS FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY**

We welcome all who worship with us this morning. We ask you to prayerfully consider giving generously to support the ministries of FUMC and the communities we serve for Christ. You can place your offering and the Attendance Card including any special prayer requests you may have in the offering baskets located in the worship space or send them to church@meetwithGod.com.

## **MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

If, On a Quiet Sea  
Joyce Scheyhing, soloist

**HYMN OF PREPARATION TFWS #2191** Eternal Father, Strong to Save

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

Acts 27:27-44

<sup>27</sup> On the fourteenth night we were still being driven across the Adriatic<sup>[a]</sup> Sea, when about midnight the sailors sensed they were approaching land. <sup>28</sup> They took soundings and found that the water was a hundred and twenty feet<sup>[b]</sup> deep. A short time later they took soundings again and found it was ninety feet<sup>[c]</sup> deep. <sup>29</sup> Fearing that we would be dashed against the rocks, they dropped four anchors from the stern and prayed for daylight. <sup>30</sup> In an attempt to escape from the ship, the sailors let the lifeboat down into the sea, pretending they were going to lower some anchors from the bow. <sup>31</sup> Then Paul said to the centurion and the soldiers, “Unless these men stay with the ship, you cannot be saved.” <sup>32</sup> So the soldiers cut the ropes that held the lifeboat and let it drift away.

<sup>33</sup> Just before dawn Paul urged them all to eat. “For the last fourteen days,” he said, “you have been in constant suspense and have gone without food—you haven’t eaten anything. <sup>34</sup> Now I urge you to take some food. You need it to survive. Not one of you will lose a single hair from his head.” <sup>35</sup> After he said this, he took some bread and gave thanks to God in front of them all. Then he broke it and began to eat. <sup>36</sup> They were all encouraged and ate some food themselves. <sup>37</sup> Altogether there were 276 of us on board. <sup>38</sup> When they had eaten as much as they wanted, they lightened the ship by throwing the grain into the sea.

<sup>39</sup> When daylight came, they did not recognize the land, but they saw a bay with a sandy beach, where they decided to run the ship aground if they could. <sup>40</sup> Cutting loose the anchors, they left them in the sea and at the same time untied the ropes that held the rudders. Then they hoisted the foresail to the wind and made for the beach. <sup>41</sup> But the ship struck a sandbar and ran aground. The bow stuck fast and would not move, and the stern was broken to pieces by the pounding of the surf.

<sup>42</sup> The soldiers planned to kill the prisoners to prevent any of them from swimming away and escaping. <sup>43</sup> But the centurion wanted to spare Paul’s life and kept them from carrying out their plan. He ordered those who could swim to jump overboard first and get to land. <sup>44</sup> The rest were to get there on planks or on other pieces of the ship. In this way everyone reached land safely.

## **MESSAGE**

Daring Greatly: Paul and Floating Grace

Pastor Jess

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

Communion will be celebrated using individually wrapped cups and wafers. Gluten-free options are also available.

## **INVITATION**

Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love Him, who turn away from sin, and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,

always and everywhere to give thanks to You,

for You, O God, have faithfully seen Your people

through the many storms and shipwrecks of life.

When Jonah weathered the storms of disobedience,

When Joseph weathered the storms of betrayal,

When Moses weathered the storms of hunger and thirst,

When Esther weathered the storms of threats of violence,

You Lord were faithful in providing sustenance for their missions to continue.

Lord we are thankful that You sustained Your children with the grace of hope,

dreams of a brighter future, food and drink in a dry and barren desert,

and courage in the face of great pressure. Just as God provided for the saints of old,

so too does God provide for us today. Here. Now.

And so, with Your people on earth and all the company of heaven

we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

In time God sent Jesus, God with us, to show us the way, and the truth, and the life.

On the night in which He gave himself up for us, facing the worst storm we can imagine, Jesus

wanted His very body to be driftwood that serves us and sustains us. He took bread, gave

thanks to You, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body

which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, He took the cup, again He wanted His very blood to be a saving

grace that carries us to new life and sustains us for our missions and callings. So, Jesus gave

thanks to You, gave it to His disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood

of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as

often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, thankful for the saving grace we receive and remember in these mighty acts of Jesus

Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union

with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out Your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them

be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be kept afloat as we serve the world as the

body of Christ, redeemed by His blood. By Your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each

other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at

Hid heavenly banquet. Through Your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in Your holy

Church, all honor and glory is Yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** - 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. Amen.

### **BREAKING THE BREAD**

Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

### **\*CLOSING HYMN**

A Place at the Table (from Worship & Song #3149)

1. For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread,

a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead.

*Chorus: And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy.*

*yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!*

2. For woman and man, a place at the table, revising the roles, deciding to share,

with wisdom and grace, dividing the power, for woman and man, a system that's fair.

Chorus

3. For young and for old, a place at the table, a voice to be heard, a part in the song,

the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled, for young and for old, the right to belong.

Chorus

4. For just and unjust, a place at the table, abuser, abused, with need to forgive,

in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy, for just and unjust, a new way to live.

Chorus

5. For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be,

to work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for everyone born, the right to be free.

Chorus

### **\*BENEDICTION**

### **\*POSTLUDE**

**\*THE PEOPLE STAND**