

**ACOLYTE: Allen Carrizanno, Jr.**

**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 HAS BEEN GIVEN** to the glory of God and in memory of Mary Wedge and Keith Feerrar by the Monday Morning Bible Study.  
**PRAYERS & SYMPATHY TO:** Steve Feerrar and family on the death of his brother Keith Feerrar. **ALSO,** the family and friends of Mary Wedge who passed away last week.  
**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), 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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**SEPTEMBER 26, 2021** **11:00 A.M.**

**PRELUDE** Boundless Mercy Giamanco

**WELCOME** Pastor Gina

**\*OPENING HYMN #61** Come Thou Almighty King

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Pastor Jess

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit come. Enter our lives anew!  
**People: Give us strength to carry on, hope and joy for each day.**  
Leader: Come, Lord of the church, come. Give us power to serve!  
**People: Give us courage to discover and use each gift we have,**  
Leader: Come, Living Word of God come. Speak once again to us,  
**People: So we may become the living body of Christ in the world.**  
Leader: Bind us together Lord so that daring greatly -  
**People: We may become your vision and passion to our community and the world.**

**OPENING PRAYER** Pastor Jess

**Spirit of the Living God, help us this day to focus on the paths and roads that lie before us. Help us to step out into new opportunities. Let us choose boldly—even when we’re afraid, even when we don’t know where we’re going, even when there may be risk to our comfort. Grant us eyes to see the openings you provide at every turn; ears to hear your voice coming from a beloved friend, mentor or guide and a heart ready to dare greatly for your dreams and to speak your Word again and again. Amen.**

**YOUNG DISCIPLE’S TIME** Pastor Jess

*A fun learning time with the Pastor for all kids.*

**RESPONSIVE READING OF PSALTER #761** Psalm 29 Pastor Jess

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #881** The Apostles’ Creed Pastor Jess

**\*GLORIA PATRI #70**

**PASTORAL PRAYER / THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Pastor Gina

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

**PRAYER RESPONSE #393**

Spirit of the Living God

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC**Find Us Faithful  
Adult Choir

arr. Fettke

**CELEBRATING OUR GIFTS FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY**

Pastor Jess

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 basket located in the worship space or send them to church@meetwithGod.com.

\***HYMN OF PREPARATION #394** Open My Eyes, That I May See**SCRIPTURE READING**

2 Kings 2:1-14

Pastors Jess &amp; Gina

**2** Now when the LORD was about to take the prophet Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup> Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. <sup>3</sup> The company of prophets<sup>[a]</sup> who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

<sup>4</sup> Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. <sup>5</sup> The company of prophets<sup>[b]</sup> who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

<sup>6</sup> Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. <sup>7</sup> Fifty men of the company of prophets<sup>[c]</sup> also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. <sup>8</sup> Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

<sup>9</sup> When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." <sup>10</sup> He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." <sup>11</sup> As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. <sup>12</sup> Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

<sup>13</sup> He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. <sup>14</sup> He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, "Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?" When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

**MESSAGE:** *Daring Greatly! Elijah & Elisha –The Word of God Turned Loose!*

Pastor Gina

\***CLOSING HYMN #577**

God of Grace and God of Glory

\***BENEDICTION**

Pastor Gina

\***POSTLUDE**\***THE PEOPLE STAND**