

# IN-PERSON WORSHIP

Southern Pines United Methodist Church

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5 September 2021

15th Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 in the morning

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## - WE GATHER-

*We are welcomed and called to worship*

We gather here to worship God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

**We gather surrounded by God's Holy Spirit, who encourages us to walk faithfully with Christ.**

Praise be to God, whose goodness and mercy fill our days.

**Praise be to God, whose ways lead to peace and justice.**

### "Open My Eyes That I May See"

1. Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me; place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

2. Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear; and while the wavenotes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

3. Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere; open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

*Sermon Scripture from James 2:1-4, 8-14*

*"Faith That Is Alive"*

*Prayer Concerns & Invitation to Communion*

*Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance*

**Just God, you are even-handed in your justice and in the day of judgement will not play favorites. We confess that we are not so fair in our dealings. We are often unduly impressed by the powerful and the clever and excuse in them what we would condemn in the powerless and ignorant. Forgive superficiality and neglect of people needing advocacy and friendship, through the friend of sinners, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer

*Prayer after Communion*

Lord God, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the living bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. So, Lord, may we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of earth and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven. Amen.

"Change My Heart, O God"

Change my heart, O God, Make it ever true; Change my heart, O God, May I be like you.

You are the Potter, I am the clay; Mold me and make me, This is what I pray.

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