

Sunday, July 13, 2025 – 9:30 a.m.

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

TODAY'S FOCUS — Guidance: What do we do when we receive bad news? Or dire predictions of gloom and doom?

PRELUDE — Betsy Foushee

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — Lin

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST —** Lin

***OPENING HYMN** UMH #140 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

REFRAIN

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness; Lort, Unto me!

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. REFRAIN

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
REFRAIN

***CALL TO WORSHIP —** Suzanne Gallagher

One: We sing of God's love in this house of worship.

Many: We sing of God's steadfast love.

One: We pray forgiveness for wrongdoing, and forgive others who have wronged us.

Many: We sing of God's mercy that covers us all with grace.

One: God is good, and so we celebrate God's goodness this morning.

Many: We sing of God's everlasting goodness that reaches from generation to generation.

One: He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

All: The path of the LORD is steadfast love and faithfulness, for all those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

SPECIAL MUSIC — Praise Band “On the Sea of Galilee”

HYMN TFWS #2233 "Where Children Belong"

SCRIPTURE: Amos 7:7-17 — Suzanne Gallagher

7 This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. 8 And the LORD said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said, “See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; 9 the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.” 10 Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. 11 For thus Amos has said, ‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.’” 12 And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; 13 but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.” 14 Then Amos answered Amaziah, “I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, 15 and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’ 16 Now therefore hear the word of the LORD. You say, ‘Do not prophesy against Israel, and do not preach against the house of Isaac.’ 17 Therefore thus says the LORD: ‘Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city, and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword, and your land shall be parceled out by line; you yourself shall die in an unclean land, and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land.’”

MESSAGE "We need to talk..." Rev. Lin Cheek

RESPONSIVE HYMN TFWS #2170 “God Made from One Blood” (vs. 1, 2, 4, 5)
(to the tune: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise)

1. God made from one blood all the families of earth, the circles of nurture that raised us from birth companions who join us to walk through each stage of childhood and youth and adulthood and age.

2. We turn to you God, with our thanks and our tears
for all of the families we've known through the years
the intimate networks on whom we depend
of parent and partner and roommate and friend.

4. Give, Lord, to each family in conflict and storm
A sense of your wisdom and grace that transform
Sharp anger to insight which strengthens the heart
And makes clear the place where rebuilding can start.

5. Then widen that wisdom and grace to include
the races and viewpoints our families exclude
Till peace in each home bears and nurtures the bud
of peace shared by all you have made from one blood.

OFFERTORY — Betsy Foushee

***DOXOLOGY** UMH #94

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** — Suzanne Gallagher

**ALL: God of all gifts, thank you for your deeds of love and for your marvelous works of grace.
For this earth and its bounty, we give you thanks. For our lives and their abundance, we give
you praise. Bless the gifts we lay before you, that they may be signs of your loving kingdom to
a world awaiting your Good News. We pray in the name of your son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER — Lin [

**All: 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.**

***CLOSING HYMN** UMH #672 "God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again" (v. 1)

1. God be with you till we meet again, by his counsels guide, uphold you,
With his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.

REFRAIN

Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet,
Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

***BENEDICTION** — Lin

POSTLUDE — Betsy Foushee

Prelude/Postlude—Betsy Foushee

Offertory—Betsy Foushee

Organ — ?

Special Music — Praise Band “On the Sea of Galilee”

Liturgist — Suzanne Gallagher

Accomp.—Betsy Foushee

Song Leader— Janice Bachmann

Violin — Rae Ann

Children’s Message— Lin