

# Sunday, February 9, 2024 – 9:30 a.m.

## SCOUT SUNDAY

**TODAY'S FOCUS: SALVATION.** Paul says he was “untimely born.” We too are untimely born, meaning we, like Paul, have not seen the living Christ. Or have we?

**PRELUDE** — Anneke Toomey

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** — Lin

**PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** — Boy Scout Troop #345

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

**\*OPENING HYMN** UMH #159 “Lift High the Cross”

**REFRAIN:** Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, till all the world adore his sacred name.

1. Come, Christians, follow this triumphant sign. The hosts of God in unity combine. **REFRAIN**
2. Each newborn servant of the Crucified bears on the brow the seal of him who died. **REFRAIN**
3. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee. **REFRAIN**
4. So shall our song of triumph ever be: Praise to the Crucified for victory! **REFRAIN**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** — Bonnie Clark

One: We meet in different buildings, in different towns.

**Many: We speak different languages and sing different hymns.**

One: We wear different clothing and have different gifts and talents.

**Many: Yet, as we gather together for worship on Sundays, we become one body, one family in Christ.**

One: We join together on one journey,

**Many: the journey to unite with the Living Christ.**

One: We join together with God as the Kingdom of God grows and God's will is done.

**All: Let us join with all our brothers and sisters to worship our loving God this day. Amen!**

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**OPENING PRAYER** — Lin

**BAPTISM OF AUSTYN AND BENTLEY BUCK**

**Congregational Response: With God’s help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround this family with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.**

**HYMN**

TFWS #2233 “Where Children Belong”

**CHILDREN’S STORY** — Sue Mercer

**SPECIAL MUSIC** — ??

**SCRIPTURE:** 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 — Bonnie Clark

<sup>1</sup> Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup> through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain. <sup>3</sup> For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup> and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup> Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup> Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup> Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup> For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup> But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup> Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

**MESSAGE**

“Untimely Born”

Rev. Lin Cheek

**RESPONSIVE HYMN**

TFWS #2162 “Grace Alone”

1. Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith,  
Every difference we will make is only by his grace.

Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine,  
every blessing left behind is only by his grace.

**REFRAIN:** Grace alone which God supplies, strength unknown he will provide,  
Christ in us our Cornerstone; we will go forth in grace alone.

2. Every soul we long to reach, every heart we hope to teach,  
Everywhere we share his peace is only by his grace.  
Every loving word we say, every tear we wipe away,  
every sorrow turned to praise is only by his grace. **REFRAIN**

**OFFERTORY** — Anneke Toomey

**\*DOXOLOGY** UMH #94

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION** — Bonnie Clark

**All: Increase the strength of these gifts, and the strength of our ministries, O God. Expand the nets of our love and the vision of our service, that we may reach deeply and share abundantly. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

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**PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER** — Lin [are there any joys or concerns today?]

**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 #306 "The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done"

Antiphon: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

1. The strife is o'er the battle done; the victory of life is won;  
The song of triumph has begun: Alleluia!

2. The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their legions hath dispersed;  
Let shouts of holy joy outburst: Alleluia!

3. The three sad days are quickly sped; he rises glorious from the dead;  
All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!

4. Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee, from death's dread sting thy servants free,  
That we may live, and sing to thee: Alleluia!

**RETIREING THE COLORS** — Boy Scout Troop #345

**\*BENEDICTION** — Lin

**POSTLUDE** — Anneke Toomey

Prelude/Postlude—Anneke  
Song Leader— Bonnie Clark  
Liturgist — Bonnie Clark

Accomp.—Anneke  
Special Music — ?  
Children's Message— Sue Mercer

Offertory—Anneke  
Organ — Betsy  
Violin — Rae Ann