

**Sunday, August 3, 2025 – 9:30 am**  
**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

**TODAY'S FOCUS:** HOPE — Hosea's loving message from God is one of hope for Israel. Is it one of hope for us?

## PRELUDE — Scott Anderson

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — Rev. Lin Cheek

## PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

**OPENING HYMN**                      UMH #73                      “O Worship the King” (vs. 1, 2, & 5)

1. O worship the King, all glorious above, O gratefully sing God's power and God's love;  
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

2. O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,  
Whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, and dark is God's path on the wings of  
the storm.

5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;  
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (*from Psalm 107*) — Bonnie Clark

One: O give thanks to the Lord who is good,

**Many: and whose mercy endures forever.**

One: Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim that God redeemed them from the hand of their foe.

**Many: O give thanks to the Lord who is good!**

One: The Lord gathered them out of the lands;

**Many: from the east and the west, from the north and the south**

One: Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to a city where they might dwell;

**Many: hungry and thirsty, their spirits languished within them.**

One: In their trouble, they cried to the Lord, who delivered them from their distress.

**Many: The Lord put their feet on a straight path to go to a city where thy might dwell.**

One: Let them thank the Lord for giving steadfast love, for all the wonderful works done for humankind.

**All:** For the thirsty are satisfied, and the hungry are filled with good things.

**OPENING PRAYER — Lin**

**HYMN**

TFWS #2233 “Where Children Belong”

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE — Sharon Goldade**

**SCRIPTURE: Hosea 11:1-11 — Bonnie Clark**

<sup>1</sup> When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. <sup>2</sup> The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols. <sup>3</sup> Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them. <sup>4</sup> I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them. <sup>5</sup> They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me. <sup>6</sup> The sword rages in their cities, it consumes their oracle-priests, and devours because of their schemes. <sup>7</sup> My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all. <sup>8</sup> How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. <sup>9</sup> I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath. <sup>10</sup> They shall go after the LORD, who roars like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west. <sup>11</sup> They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt, and like doves from the land of Assyria; and I will return them to their homes, says the LORD.

**MESSAGE**

“The Terrible Twos”

Rev. Lin Cheek

**RESPONSIVE HYMN**

UMH #121 “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

1. There’s a wideness in God’s mercy, like the wideness of the sea;  
There’s a kindness in God’s justice, which is more than liberty.  
There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good!  
There is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood.

2. For the love of God is broader than the measure of our mind;  
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.  
If our love were but more simple, we should rest upon God’s word;  
And our lives would be illumined by the presence of our Lord.

**OFFERTORY — Linda Rinn & Betsy Foushee**

## DOXOLOGY

UMH #94

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION — Bonnie Clark

**ALL:** God of Hosea and all the prophets, God who made the sand and the sea, forgive us for the times we have not done your will. Grant us the obedience of Hosea, to worship only you. With all humility, we ask that you bless this offering to help those who most need it, that we may be recognized as children of the living God. In the name of your son Jesus, we pray. Amen.

### COMMUNION THANKSGIVING — Lin Cheek and Bonnie Clark

One: The Lord be with you

**Many: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

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

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

One: It is right to praise you, our God ... that we may be made new.

**All: You are the holy God of all people. You are the glorious God of all creation. You are the great God of love. Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!**

One: You sent Jesus to teach us the ways ... Do this, as often as you drink of it, to remember me."

**All: You are the love that was, that is, and that is to come.**

One: Send forth your Spirit upon us, O God ... we pray as Jesus taught us to pray, saying:

**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.**

## INVITATION

### SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

*In the United Methodist Church, all are welcome to share in Communion, and all means all. Please come forward when invited by the usher and eat the bread, then drink the cup. For the convenience of all, we use non-alcoholic grape juice and also provide gluten free wafers. When you return to your seat, please take time to pray for those on the prayer list in the bulletin. If you would prefer to receive communion in the pew, please let the usher know and the elements will be brought to you.*

One: The bread of life, the offering of love, given for you. **Many: Amen.**

One: The cup of joy, the offering of love, poured out for you and for many. **Many: Amen.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION — Bonnie Clark**

**All: O God, we thank you for knowing when we are hungry, before we ourselves know it. We thank you for the risen Christ who has a meal ready for us when we need it most. Grant us the humility and enthusiasm to keep coming back to you, in spite of our transgressions, that we may feast on your love now and always. In the name of Christ Jesus we pray. Amen!**

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**CLOSING HYMN**

UMH #102 "Now Thank We All Our God"

1. Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices  
Who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices  
Who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us  
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us  
And keep us still in grace, and guide us when perplexed  
And free us from all ills, in this world and the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given  
The Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven  
The one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore  
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

**BENEDICTION — Rev. Lin Cheek**

**POSTLUDE — Scott Anderson**

Prelude/Postlude—Scott Anderson  
Offertory—Linda Rinn & Betsy Foushee  
Special Music — N/A  
Organ — Ginny Shaw  
Liturgist — Bonnie Clark

Accomp.—Betsy Foushee  
Song Leader— Bonnie Clark  
  
Violin — Rae Ann Norell  
Children's Message—Sharon Goldade