

# Sunday, August 11, 2024 – 9:30 a.m.

## Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

**TODAY'S FOCUS:** GUIDANCE. Scripture suggests God's guidance is very clear, and yet we know that it isn't always clear. Or is it?

**PRELUDE** — Betsy Foushee

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** — Lin

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

**\*OPENING HYMN** UMH #127 "Guide Me O, Thou Great Jehovah"

1. Guide me O, thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.

2. Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield, be thou still my strength and shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee, I will ever give to thee.

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** — Suzanne Gallagher

One: Come you who are weary; here, you will find rest.

**Many: May we find rest in the Lord.**

One: Come you who are troubled; here, you will find peace.

**Many: May we find peace in the Lord.**

One: Come you who are discouraged; here, you will find hope.

**Many: May we find hope in the Lord.**

**All: Come all who are faithful and worship the Lord our God!**

**OPENING PRAYER** — Lin

God of love and light, in our time of trouble, in all our wanderings, through the valleys and within the darkness, be our guide. Lead us to your righteous path and light our way as we travel that road. We call on you and trust you to answer. In these trying times, we trust in your presence and depend upon your direction. Give us courage, give us strength, and give us your grace today and always. Amen!

**HYMN**

TFWS #2233 “Where Children Belong”

**CHILDREN’S STORY** — Sharon Goldade

**SPECIAL MUSIC** — ?

**SCRIPTURE:** Isaiah 58:9-14 — Suzanne Gallagher

<sup>9</sup>Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, “Here I am.” If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, <sup>10</sup>if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. <sup>11</sup>The LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail. <sup>12</sup>Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. <sup>13</sup>If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests or pursuing your own affairs, <sup>14</sup>then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

**MESSAGE**

“Guidance Systems”

Rev. Lin Cheek

Subject: Isaiah teaches his people about the joy of following God’s carefully laid path.

Focus: GUIDANCE. Scripture suggests God’s guidance is very clear, and yet we know that it isn’t always clear. Or is it?

**RESPONSIVE HYMN**

UMH #473 “Lead Me Lord” (2x)

Lead me, Lord. Lead me in thy righteousness. Make thy way plain before my face.

For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord, only that makest me to dwell in safety.

**OFFERTORY** — Betsy Foushee

**\*DOXOLOGY**

UMH #94

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION** — Suzanne Gallagher

**All: Generous God, we pray to you and ask for wisdom -- wisdom to know your will and the courage to follow it. What we offer to you this morning is given with thanksgiving and joy, and with your love in our hearts. Bless these heart-gifts to bring a spirit of thanksgiving and joy to all of your creation. We pray in the name of the Christ who held nothing back. 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**

TFWS #2130 "The Summons" (vs. 1, 2, 4, 5)

1. Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

2. Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?

Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?

Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?

Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

5. Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.

Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.

In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.

Thus, I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

**\*BENEDICTION** — Lin

**POSTLUDE** — Betsy Foushee

Prelude/Postlude—Betsy  
Song Leader— Wayne  
Liturgist — Suzanne

Accomp.—Betsy  
Special Music — ?  
Children’s Message — Sharon

Offertory—Betsy  
Organ — ?  
Violin — Rae Ann