**August 31, 2025**

**PRELUDE/CANDLELIGHT**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*HYMN: Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love UMH 432**

\***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Children of God, when we witness the needs of strangers and listen to the struggles of our friends, remember:

**Let mutual love continue.**

When we hear the struggles of those in prison and recognize the suffering of people near and far, remember:

**Let mutual love continue.**

When temptations to hoard more money, more power, and more influence surround us on every side, remember:

**Let mutual love continue.**

As we gather for worship, remember: God is here, surrounding us with love and forming us to live in love everywhere we go.

**We choose to cooperate with God’s love today and every day so that mutual love will continue wherever we go and whatever we do. Amen.**

**\*OPENING PRAYER (Unison)**

**In the face of all our realities: We are the people who heal each other, who grow strong together, who name the truth, who know what it means to live in community, moving toward a common dream for a new heaven and a new earth. In the power of the love of God our Creator, the company of Jesus Christ, and the leading of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**\*HYMN: Make Me a Servant TFWS 2176**

**SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**LABOR DAY PRAYER:**

Spirit of Life, On this day we pause to honor the gift of work: the labor of our hands, the vision of our minds, the care in our hearts.

We give thanks for all whose efforts sustain our communities - for builders and growers, creators and caregivers, for those who make, mend, and serve.

Bless all who seek dignity in their work, and grant rest and renewal to those who are weary. Strengthen all who labor under unfair conditions, and inspire us to stand in solidarity for justice and equity.

As we enjoy the fruits of our work and the gift of this day of rest, may we remember that true flourishing comes when all are valued, all are safe, and all are free to thrive. Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:** Jeremiah 2:4-13 Kenlee Link

**PSALTER:** Psalm 81:1, 10-16 Kenlee Link

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON:** Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

**\*GOSPEL LESSON:** Luke 14:1, 7-14

**\*GLORIA PATRI** UMH 70

**MORNING MESSAGE: Entertaining Angels** Ann Trimble-Ray

**A MODERN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** UMH #885

Pastor: Where the Spirit of the lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare.

**All:** **We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power, and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children’s good.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father’s unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need.**

**Wd believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of love and grace, flow through our messy lives with your abundant grace. When we would close our hearts and doors, open us to share your grace with others. When we would neglect the needs of your world, forgive us so abundantly that we might be moved to give as abundantly as we have received. When we let pride and self-interest rule our days, forgive us so miraculously that we might live with humility and selflessness. In your abundant love and miraculous grace, may your world come to know your ways. Amen.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Like honey from a rock, Christ’s love flows within us with the sweetness of God’s grace. Like finest wheat, the Spirit’s sustenance feeds us with mercy and hope. Thanks be to God!
**\*OFFERTORY & DOXOLOGY** UMH 95

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Generous God, bless the gifts we return to you now, that they may be gifts of abundance and grace for a world in need. Amen.**

**\*THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**\*BENEDICTION**

Children of God, go from this place in the blessing of the Triune God, our Helper and our Friend, offering your sacrifice of praise and sharing what you have as you spread the love of God in mutuality and care to the ends of the earth and back again. Amen.

**\*HYMN:**  **The Trees of the Field TFWS 2279** \*Stand as you are able

**Announcements**

**Sept. 2 Dial A Devotion Paul Wilde**

**Sept. 4 Women of Faith 9:30 A.M**.

**Sept. 7 Kay Calligan- greeter, Deb Thielen- liturgist,**

**Jerry Becker- pulpit**

***HAVE SAFE AND BLESSED WEEKEND!***

**Eagle Grove**

**United Methodist Church**

**Service 9:30 A.M.**

**Ann Trimble Ray**

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