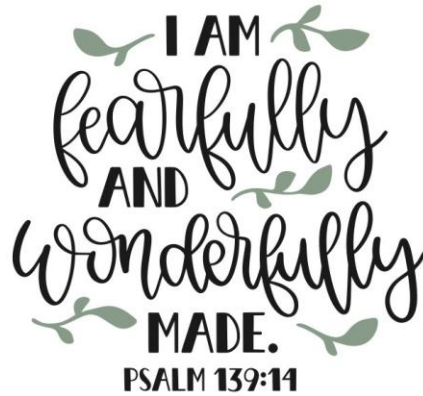


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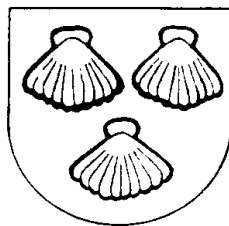


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**9:30 am**

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## Invitation and Gathering

**Prelude** "Rhosymedre" (My Song is Love Unknown) Ralph Vaughn Williams

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**Welcome**

**Rev. Patricia Abell**

**Gathering Song**

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

**UMH 334**

**Verse 1**

There's a sweet sweet Spirit in this place  
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord  
There are sweet expressions on each face  
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord

**Chorus**

Sweet Holy Spirit  
Sweet heavenly Dove  
Stay right here with us  
Filling us with your love  
And for these blessings  
We lift our hearts in praise  
Without a doubt we'll know  
That we have been revived  
When we shall leave this place

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**Centering Words**

**Barbara Cook**

**Call to Worship**

**Barbara Cook**

ONE: The One who called Samuel from the darkness continues to say: "Let light shine out of darkness."

**ALL: The light of Christ shines all around us.**

ONE: The One who searches us and knows us hems us in, behind and before.

**ALL: We are fearfully and wonderfully made.**

ONE: Let us worship a God who surprises us at every turn.

**Opening Prayer**

**Barbara Cook**

**Merciful One, when life beats us down,**

**you reach out and restore us to health and wholeness.**

**Surprise us once more, O God, with your never-failing grace and the light of your love. Amen.**

**Opening Hymn**

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

**UMH 454**

1. Open my eyes that I may see  
Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me  
Place in my hands the wonderful key  
That shall unclasp and set me free

**Refrain**

Silently now I wait for Thee  
Ready my God Thy will to see  
Open my eye illumine me Spirit divine

2. Open my ears that I may hear  
Voices of truth Thou sendest clear  
And while the wave notes fall on my ear  
Everything false will disappear  
**Refrain**

3. Open my mouth and let me bear  
Gladly the warm truth everywhere  
Open my heart and let me prepare  
Love with thy children thus to share  
**Refrain**

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**Passing the Peace**

**Barbara Cook**

**Children's Message**

**Edie Candee**

**Scripture**

**Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18**

**Barbara Cook**

**Hymn**

**"Be Thou My Vision"**

**UMH 451**

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2. Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word  
I ever with thee and thou with me Lord  
Thou and thou only first in my heart  
Great God of heaven my treasure thou art

3. Great God of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

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**Message**

**Rev. Patricia Abell**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Rev. Patricia Abell**

**Offering**

**\*Doxology**

**"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"**

**UMH 94**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise God All creatures here below  
Alleluia alleluia  
Praise God the source of all our gifts  
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts  
Praise the Spirit Holy Spirit  
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

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\*Please stand as able

## Offering Prayer

## Holy Communion

### \*Closing Hymn

“Lord, Speak to Me”

**UMH 463**

1. Lord speak to me that I may speak  
In living echoes of Thy tone  
As Thou hast sought so let me seek  
Thy erring children lost and lone

2. O strengthen me that while I stand  
Firm on the rock and strong in thee  
I may stretch out a loving hand  
To wrestlers with the troubled sea

3. O teach me Lord that I may teach  
The precious things Thou dost impart  
And wing my words that they may reach  
The hidden depths of many a heart

4. O fill me with thy fullness Lord  
Until my very heart o'erflow  
In kindling thought and glowing word  
Thy love to tell thy praise to show

5. O use me Lord use even me  
Just as Thou wilt and when and where  
Until Thy blessed face I see  
Thy rest Thy joy Thy glory share

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## Benediction

**Rev. Patricia Abell**

## Postlude

Recessional on "St. Anne" (O God our Help in Ages Past) Gordon Young  
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### *Question for Reflection*

Most of us strive to demonstrate trustworthy character in our lives, often not understanding trustworthy character as a fruit of our relationship with God.

Reflect on 1 Samuel 3:19–20 (“As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground.

And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD”).  
How does this challenge our understanding of what makes us trustworthy?

### *Household Prayer: Morning*

Praise the Lord, for it is your new mercy that woke me this morning.  
I praise you as I see your wonderful works through the window of day.  
I praise you as I feel the movement of your mysterious works in me.

May this new day be a song to my Creator,  
who is willing to befriend me in renewed grace. Amen.

*Household Prayer: Evening*

Lord, I close this day acknowledging you as my God,  
my helper, my refuge, for it is your grace that sustained me all day.  
I lay down my burdens of the unwise choices, the unfinished tasks;  
I humbly ask that you may cover me in the blanket of mercy.

I praise you with a joyful song of your salvation  
in which I find peace and hope through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Resources:

Ascribe to God. Discipleship Ministries, 2024.

[The Abingdon Worship Annual 2024](#);

Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year B, Volume 2

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