

A QUIET PLACE

“ Then Jesus said, "Let's go off by ourselves to a quiet place and rest awhile." He said this because there were so many people coming and going that Jesus and his apostles didn't even have time to eat. (NLT)

- Mark 6:31

Order of Worship July 18, 2021 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

**8:30 and 11:00 Worship
8:30 Online Worship YouTube Channel "Harmony UMCVA"**

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Welcome

Prelude

Bound For My Father's Home

Southern Appalachians

The prelude signals the beginning of our sacred time together. During the prelude, you are invited to prepare your heart for worship by focusing your attention upon God.

Call to Worship

Patti Barnes/Susan Whitman

Welcome to the worship of the Lord Jesus Christ.

We have come to worship the Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while."

We desire his rest.

God promises today that he will make us to lie down in green pastures, lead us beside quiet waters, and restore our souls.

We need his care.

Your God calls you to worship him.

We will worship the Lord.

Opening Prayer

Patti Barnes/Susan Whitman

Loving Shepherd, you know us; you care for us. When we face darkness and death, walk beside us. When we hunger for your love, fill us with your presence. When we are fearful, feed us at your table. May we dwell in the house of goodness and mercy all the days of our lives. Amen.

Hymn (See last page)

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

UMH 64

Children's Message

Pastor Debra

"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior" (1 Timothy 2:1-3, NIV)

Morning Prayer

Pastor Debra

The Lord's Prayer (All Praying)

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.

Ministry of Music

Just As I Am

H.B. Kilgour

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination (All Praying)

Patti Barnes/Susan Whitman

Illuminating God, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Highlight the message you intend for us today through your Word read and proclaimed and set us on your path of righteousness. Amen

Psalm 23 (NRSV)

The Divine Shepherd

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures;

he leads me beside still waters;

³ he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths

for his name's sake.

⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

I fear no evil;

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff—

they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord

my whole life long.

Gospel Reading

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

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Jesus, the Compassionate Shepherd

³⁰ The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. ³¹ Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, “Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.”

³² So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. ³³ But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. ³⁴ When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

⁵³ When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret and anchored there. ⁵⁴ As soon as they got out of the boat, people recognized Jesus. ⁵⁵ They ran throughout that whole region and carried the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶ And wherever he went—into villages, towns or countryside—they placed the sick in the marketplaces. They begged him to let them touch even the edge of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed.

Response to the Word:

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

A Quiet Place

Pastor Debra

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music

Our Healer

Pastor Debra

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**Doxology*

Prayer of Dedication

Pastor Debra

Holy God, you call us to live generous lives. You give to us abundantly so we may give to others. May your care for us be reflected in our offerings today, that these gifts might spread your love and your hope to a needy world. Amen.

Affirmation of Faith

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The Apostles' Creed (Traditional Version)

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;*
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic** church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

Closing Hymn (See last page) *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

UMH 133

Prayer for Christian Service

All Praying

God of grace and powerful weakness, at times your prophets were ignored, rejected, belittled, and unwelcome. Trusting that we, too, are called to be prophets, fill us with your Spirit, and support us by your gentle hands, that we may persevere in speaking your word and living our faith. Amen.

Benediction

Pastor Debra

Postlude

Jubilate Deo

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HOLY, HOLY, HOLY! LORD GOD ALMIGHTY

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.
Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.*

LEANING ON THE EVERLASTING ARMS

*What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.*

*Refrain:
Leaning, leaning,
safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning,
leaning on the everlasting arms.*

*O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms.*

(Refrain)

*What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms.*

(Refrain)