

Second Sunday after Pentecost

9:30AM, June 22nd, 2025

Asterisk (*) indicates standing, as able. Bold/colored type indicates text spoken in unison.

PRELUDE "Come and Find a Quiet Center" TFWs # 2128

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Responsive

As we have been baptized into Christ,

We are clothed with Christ.

And if we belong to Christ,

Then we are Abraham's offspring

And heirs according to the promise.

Thanks be to God.

*HYMN "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" UMH # 89

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed UMH # 881

OPENING PRAYER Unison

Holy God, there is much that tries to separate us from one another. Creed and color, gender and nation, class and culture call for our fragmentation, but you call us to live together in your grace. You call us your children. You call us beloved. Today, let the refrain: "There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus" (Gal. 3:29) guide us with every step. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON Unison

Loving and holy God, we confess that we hold tightly to our pride and resist your transforming grace. You offer us freedom and a welcome place in your family, yet we struggle, trying to earn what you have already given. We cling to our old ways of doing and thinking. You call us your beloved children. Help us hear and claim our new identity.

Free us from the bonds of limited imagination and empower us to thrive in your life of faith and grace. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Children of God: Faith has come, and we are free. Receive your forgiveness today. **Thanks be to God!**

JOYS, CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Kings 19:9-15a (NRSV)

- 9** At that place he came to a cave and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"
- 10** He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."
- 11** He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake,
- 12** and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence.
- 13** When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"
- 14** He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."
- 15a** Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus."

MESSAGE "What Are You Doing Here?" Rev. Dongkue Jee

RESPOND TO THE WORD

* HYMN "As the Deer" TFWS # 2025

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH # 895

OFFERING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH # 95

*PRAYER OF OFFERING Unison

Gracious and transforming God, you clothe us in grace and love.

Receive these gifts as signs of our desire to live into Christ's vision of your beloved community. Baptized into your peace and justice, may we shed old divisions and embrace the unity you intend for all people.

Use these offerings to build bridges, mend hearts, and proclaim that in

Christ, all are one - equal, cherished, and free. May our giving reflect the boundless love you pour into us. We pray this in the name of the

one who makes us whole. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN "God of Love and God of Power" UMH # 578

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Give Thanks" TFWS # 2036



Welcome to

Mendham United Methodist Church

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Prophet Elijah on Mount Horeb, 1550-1560, Volterra, Daniele da, ca. 1509-1566,
Collection Pannocchieschi d'Elci, Siena, Italy

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* The offering plate is located at the entrance of the sanctuary. Please feel free to participate.

* Fellowship follows the worship service. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship in the Parlor.