

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30AM, July 6th, 2025

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

PRELUDE "Thy Word is a Lamp" UMH # 601

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Responsive
What do we have to boast about?

The cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

And what does this cross mean for us?

Everything is a new creation.

*HYMN "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" UMH # 139

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed UMH # 881

OPENING PRAYER Unison

God of endings and beginnings, we thank you for always starting anew with us. When we find ourselves at our wits' end, at the end of our rope, at the end of our patience, or even at the end of our hope, you are there. You find us and bring us into your new beginning, again and again. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON Unison

Holy God, Fountain of all blessing and grace: we confess there are times when we look at our work, at our accomplishments, with prideful ambition as if we were the source of our abilities and gifts. At other times, we look at our efforts with disgust and regret, as if your gifts in us are not enough. Forgive our pride and our despair, Holy God. Renew in us a humble trust in your guiding hand and a hope that your grace is sufficient for every step. Give us the courage to begin again, to jump into a new start with you and one another. We ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Beloved children: Hear and believe the good news, God's mercy and peace are upon you now and always. **Thanks be to God!**

JOYS, CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING **2 Kings 5:9-14 (NRSV)**

9 So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house.

10 Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean."

11 But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease!

12 Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage.

13 But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?"

14 So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

MESSAGE "God Leads Us Into a New Beginning" Rev. Dongkue Jee

RESPOND TO THE WORD

* HYMN "Take Time to be Holy" UMH # 395

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

INVITATION

COMMUNION UMH # 13

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

Compassionate God, who strengthens us for the journey of faith, we bring these gifts in response to your call to sow seeds of love and justice. May our offerings build up the family of faith and extend your grace to the world beyond. Help us not to grow weary in doing good but to serve with joy and perseverance, trusting that the harvest of your Spirit will bear fruit in due season. Unite us as your new creation, made whole through Christ's love and empowered by your Spirit. In gratitude, we dedicate all that we have and all that we are. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations" UMH # 569

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Here I Am, Lord" UMH # 593

* 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.



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Naaman is cured from leprosy, ca. 1150,
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