

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:30AM AND 11:00AM

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 2021

***RINGING OF THE BELL**

***GATHERING**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE (UMH#126) *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* Bohemian Brethren/
A.C. Lovelace

***A LITANY OF GATHERING (responsively):**

L: Faith is not “a feeling” that we get ...

P: IT’S AN ADVENTURE THAT WE LIVE!

L: Faith is not found in “some place” where we gather once a week ...

P: FAITH IS A JOURNEY WE EXPLORE EVERY DAY!

L: Faith is never complete ... it’s always unfolding.

P: FAITH INVOLVES CHARACTERS STILL BREATHING ... DISCOVERIES STILL BEING MADE ...
AND PROMISES STILL BEING FULFILLED ... FOR ALL PEOPLE ... IN ALL PLACES!

L: Faith is an ongoing experience of wild hope ... dangerous intent ... and enticing expectation!

P: FAITH SHOWS US THE JOY OF TODAY ... THE HOPE OF TOMORROW ... AND THE
EXCITEMENT OF THE FUTURE!

L: So as we gather today, let us re-commit ourselves to the adventure of faith!

P: WE WILL CONTINUE TO EXPLORE OUR QUESTIONS ... UNCOVER OUR DOUBTS ... AND
DIVE INTO THE ADVENTURE ... TOGETHER!

***OPENING HYMN OF PRAISE # 128**

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought

***PRAYER OF COMMITMENT (as a group):**

AUTHOR OF SALVATION, WRITE IN US A NEW STORY OF ADVENTURE, WE PRAY. ERASE THE
SINS OF THE PAST AND CREATE A NEW NARRATIVE, ONE IN WHICH WE SEEK YOUR LOVE AND
YOUR JUSTICE IN THIS WORLD. WRITE A NEW DIRECTION FOR OUR LIVES ... AWAY FROM
THE BUSYNESS AND CARES OF THIS WORLD, AND TOWARD A WAY OF LIVING WHICH
PRACTICES YOUR GRACE, YOUR COMPASSION, AND YOUR CARE FOR THIS WORLD. CREATE
NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR US, GOD ... OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPLORE AND LIVE THIS
ADVENTURE OF LIFE IN BOLD AND DARING WAYS! GRANT US THE FULLNESS OF LIFE BY
LIVING FOR OTHERS, AS YOU TAUGHT US WHEN YOU COMMISSIONED US TO LOVE ONE
ANOTHER AND LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS AS OURSELVES. AND MOST OF ALL, GREAT GOD, HELP
US TO LIVE OUT THIS NEW ADVENTURE WITH YOU ... CELEBRATING YOUR LOVE FOR US,
AND SHARING YOUR LOVE WITH ALL! WE PRAY IN THE NAME OF CHRIST JESUS. AMEN.

ANTHEM

God So Loved the World
(Mary Clare Gatch – 8:30am)

Stainer

God Is My Strong Salvation
(LUMC Chancel Choir – 11am)

Lovelace

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN

Heather Connor/Video/8:30am
Lori Meyers/11am

LITANY OF THE CALLED

***GLORIA PATRI #71**

WITNESS TO THE WORD

*Celebration Summer, 2021:
Celebrating Adventure!*

Rev. L. Kim Eanes

***HYMN OF PRAISE # 130**

God Will Take Care of You

PRAYER CONCERNS, PASTORAL PRAYER, THE LORD’S PRAYER #895

OFFERTORY (UMH#515)

Out of the Depths I Cry to You

M. Luther/A.C. Lovelace

***THE DOXOLOGY #95**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

***A COMMUNITY PRAYER #607**

A Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition

***CLOSING HYMN OF PRAISE #724**

On Jordan’s Stormy Banks I Stand

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE (FWS#2153)**

I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me African American Spiritual

**Please stand if you are able*