

† Please stand as you are able. The congregation may join in by reciting **the words in bold.**

***Prayer and Attendance Cards:*** we ask that you please fill out one of these cards in the pews to help us take attendance.

### ***Prelude***

#### ***Welcome and Announcements***

#### ***Chiming the Trinity***

***Call to Worship***—Psalm 37:1-7, 23-24 (CEB)

<sup>1</sup> Do not fret because of those who are evil  
or be envious of those who do wrong;

<sup>2</sup> **for like the grass they will soon wither,  
like green plants they will soon die away.**

<sup>3</sup> Trust in the Lord and do good;  
dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.

<sup>4</sup> **Take delight in the Lord,  
and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

<sup>5</sup> Commit your way to the Lord;  
trust in him and he will do this:

<sup>6</sup> **He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn,  
your vindication like the noonday sun.**

<sup>7</sup> Be still before the Lord  
and wait patiently for him;

**do not fret when people succeed in their ways,  
when they carry out their wicked schemes.**

<sup>23</sup> The LORD makes firm the steps  
of the one who delights in him;

<sup>24</sup> **though he may stumble, he will not fall,  
for the LORD upholds him with his hand.**

### † ***Opening Hymn***

“Step by Step”

WS 3004

*The children ages 0-4 may proceed to the nursery after this song*

### ***Prayer for Illumination***

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from you. Make us hungry for this heavenly food that lasts, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life. Give us this food always, through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

***Old Testament Lesson***

Ezekiel 2:1-5

Autumn Boyer

***Gospel Reading***

Mark 6:1-13

Leader: this is the word of God for us the people of God, **thanks be to God!**

***Offering and Hymn***

“The Summons”

TFWS 2030

*Using the camera on your smart phone and putting it over the QR code will link you to online giving*

† ***The Doxology*** (to the tune on UMH 95)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise God all creatures high and low.**

**Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit One.  
Amen.**



***Dedicating our gifts to God***

***Sermon***

“Ready or Not”

Pastor Adam

***Apostles Creed***

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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, died, and was buried;**

**he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven,**

**is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**and will come again to judge the living 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.**

***Prayer of Confession***

Autumn Boyer

Sending God, you empower and equip us to be your disciples and send us out to bear forth your love. We confess that we have preferred to stay within our

walls of complacency and comfort rather than be sent to our neighbors. Forgive us, and transform our defiance into discipleship, and our rejection of others into the resurrection of welcoming all people as sisters and brothers. Help us to love, as you have loved us, and send us forth from this place to take the good news of Jesus Christ to others. Amen.

*Words of Assurance*

Autumn Boyer

We open our lips and confess our hearts. God hears our words and make us new, sending us out to bring hope and joy to all the world.

**We hear, we believe, and we will live out the good news. Thanks be to God. Amen!**

†*Peace of Christ*

*At this time, you may greet your neighbor with signs of peace.*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The hymn of unending praise:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*The mystery of faith:*

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

†*Receiving the Bread and Cup of Christ*

*Prayer following Holy Communion:*

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit to give ourselves for others. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

†*Closing Hymn*

“Marching to Zion”

UMH 733

†*Dismissal with Blessing*

†*Chiming the Trinity*

†*Postlude*

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