

† Please stand as you are able.

***Prelude***

Ms. Desiree Davis-Omburo

***Welcome and Announcements  
Chiming the Trinity***

Rev. Adam Benson

***Call to Worship (Psalm 138)***

One: I give thanks to you with all my heart, LORD. I sing your praise before all other gods.

**Many: I bow toward your holy temple and thank your name for your loyal love and faithfulness, because you have made your name and word greater than everything else.**

On the day I cried out, you answered me. You encouraged me with inner strength.

**Let them sing about the LORD's ways because the LORD's glory is so great!**

Even though the LORD is high, he can still see the lowly, but God keeps his distance from the arrogant.

**Whenever I am in deep trouble, you make me live again; you send your power against my enemies' wrath; you save me with your strong hand.**

**All: The LORD will do all this for my sake. Your faithful love lasts forever, LORD! Don't let go of what your hands have made.**

***Opening Prayer***

Divine Deliverer of compassion, you call us to follow your voice. "Whom shall I send?" you ask us. Grant us hearts of hope and souls filled with courage to respond with, "Here I am, Lord. Send me." We give You thanks that You evaporate our shame, so that we may be fully alive and live fully into Your calling. Give us ears to hear You and help us to listen. Amen.

† ***Opening Hymn***

"To God be the Glory"

UMH 98

***Prayer for Illumination***

**Living God, help us to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; that, in understanding, we may believe; and in believing, we may follow, not for our honor, but for yours, O Lord. Amen.**

***Gospel Readings***

Luke 5:1-11 & Mark 9:30-37

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

***Prayer of Confession***

**Lord, too often, we have thought that we were too sinful for you. Too often, we have held onto our shameful pasts and closed ourselves off to a good future. "Go away from me!" we exclaim like Peter. But you have something different in mind. You love us too much where we are to leave us as we are. Forgive us for our sins. Help us to see ourselves and each other the way that You see us. Renew us and strengthen us to continue our journey with You. Amen.**

*Silent Prayer*

***Words of Forgiveness***

The grace of God has molded us throughout our lives and will continue to do so until our final breath. God's grace is never in vain. Even as God transforms our past, God moves us into the future— a future filled with hope and new possibilities.

Thanks be to God!

**People: Glory be to God!**

**All: Amen**

† ***Passing of the Peace***

*As a forgiven and reconciled people, you are invited to greet your neighbor with (socially distant) signs of peace.*

***Offering and Song*** "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service" **UMH 581**

† ***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***

"On the Way"

Rev. Adam Benson

***Prayers of the People***

*You are invited to offer your prayer requests on the cards in your pews with a prayer concern. After each petition: "Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer."*

***Silent prayer***

***The Lord's Prayer***

†*Closing Hymn*

“Here I Am, Lord”

UMH 593

†*Benediction (in unision)*

May you be blessed by the grace of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit to continue on the way with Christ. May you depend on him to lead you and show you the way to be his disciples in this world. Go forth to love and serve your neighbor, as you love yourself. Go forth knowing Christ is always with you and will never leave nor forsake you. Amen.

†*Chiming the Trinity*

†*Postlude*

#### Announcements:

If you are interested in serving on an organizing team for an April Fundraiser, please contact Adam Waxman: [adam.waxaman@gmail.com](mailto:adam.waxaman@gmail.com) / (215) 280-6475

**Sign up** (on sign-up table by front entrance) to help with **September Chili Dinner and CWS Workshop on Refugees and Immigrants on Sept. 22 @ 5:30-7 PM.**

We need volunteers to bring sides, desserts, set-up and clean-up. This is a community-wide event—anyone is invited to come.

**Sign up** (on sign-up table by front entrance) if you are interested in being on a **CWS Welcome Team** of 6 people (2 people from each church) in our CCoM

**Youth meet this Sunday, September 15 @ 11:45 AM-1:15 PM:** lunch, UMYF and continue "Compassion" curriculum

**September 23-29:** Pastor Adam will be away on vacation

**Sunday, September 29:** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Potluck and Hymn Sing Service

Please take a brochure from Bluestem, Green Burial Conservation Land and Cemetery, if you are interested in researching green burials.

#### End of August Financial Update:

Money spent in 2024: \$108,067, Money received in 2024: \$98,757, **Balance: \$-9,310**

**Balance in General Fund Account at the end of August: -\$3,829**

**Total of all accounts together: \$116,119**

# Parkwood United Methodist Church



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## On the Way

**Sunday, September 22, 2024**