

**Parkwood UMC Service of Worship**  
**11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 24, 2025**

† Please stand as you are able.



*QR Code for Nursery  
Sign-In and Out Log*

***Prelude***

***Welcome and Announcements***

***Chiming the Trinity***

***Centering Words***

*In You, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame! In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me, and save me!—Psalm 71:1-2*

***Opening Prayer***

Sarah Bender

**Lord God, whose power and mercy extend to us and to the ends of creation, pour Your Holy Spirit and Your love on us this day. Make us whole, again, and then send us out of this place to be about Your healing work in the world. In Jesus' name, we pray, amen.**

***Call to Worship***

Sarah Bender

Come, all who are struggling.

**Come, all who are crippled by pain and suffering.**

Come and worship God who longs to make you whole.

**Come and worship God who offers forgiveness and new beginnings.**

Come, Lord, come—to us, here and now.

**All: Let us worship the Lord, our God, amen.**

***Opening Hymn***

“Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth”

**TFWS 2050**

***Glory Moments***

*After each glory moment, Leader: And all God's people said, **People: Glory!***

***Prayer of Illumination***

Sarah Bender

**Lord of Light, light a fire within us and illuminate Your word. May we have ears to hear and eyes to see what You wish to tell us today. Amen.**

***Old Testament Lesson:***

Exodus 20:8-11

Rosemary Marlowe

***New Testament Lesson:***

Luke 13:10-17

***Prayer of Confession***

**Lord God, we confess that we have not remembered Your Sabbath and kept it holy. We confess we haven't loved ourselves well, and by not loving ourselves well, we also failed to love our neighbors well. Remember us and have mercy on us. Heal us and make us whole, again, like You did with the woman in the synagogue. Forgive us and set us free from our sins, and help us not go back to our old self-destructive ways. Give us new habits of body, spirit, and heart, so that we might, once again, love our neighbors well, as ourselves. Amen.**

***Words of Assurance***

Friends, hear this good news: like the woman in the synagogue, when we are bent over and in pain, Jesus doesn't idly stand by but takes special notice of us and comes seeking to make us well and whole, again. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**People (to leader): In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

**All: Glory to God! Amen.**

***Peace of Christ***

*As you greet your neighbor with signs of peace, the young disciples are invited to come forward.*

***Hymn***

“Healer of Our Every Ill”

**TFWS 2213**

***Sermon***

“Sabbath: God Remembers and Re-Members Us”

Rev. Adam Benson

† ***Offering and Hymn*** “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

**UMH 206**



**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.**

***QR Code for Giving***

***Prayers of the People***

Rev. Adam Benson

*At this time, if you have a prayer concern you would like to have lifted up, please raise your prayer card or your hand in the air.*

***Closing Hymn***

“Lord of the Dance”

**UMH 261**

***Benediction***

***Chiming the Trinity***

***Postlude***