

Parkwood UMC Service of Worship
13th Sunday after Pentecost
September 7, 2025

† Please stand as you are able.



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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Chiming the Trinity

Call to Worship

Psalms 19:7-14 (The Message)

Autumn Boyer

The revelation of God is whole and pulls our lives together.

The signposts of God are clear and point out the right road.

The life-maps of God are right, showing the way to joy.

The directions of God are plain and easy on the eyes.

God's reputation is twenty-four-carat gold, with a lifetime guarantee.

The decisions of God are accurate down to the "Nth" degree.

God's Word is better than a diamond, better than a diamond set between emeralds.

God's Word is better than red, ripe strawberries in spring.

There's more: God's Word warns us of danger and directs us to hidden treasure.

Otherwise, how will we find our way? Or know when we play the fool? Clean the slate, God, so we can start the day fresh!

Keep me from stupid sins, from thinking I can take over your work;

Then I can start this day sun-washed, scrubbed clean of the grime of sin.

These are the words in my mouth;

And the meditation of my heart; please accept them as I place them on the morning altar, O God, my Rock and my Redeemer, amen.

† *Opening Hymn*

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

UMH 384

Prayer of Confession

Autumn Boyer

Lord of Life, who in Jesus went through death to offer us new life, we confess that we have refused to carry our cross and to bear the burden of loving others through self-emptying service. We have failed to live our lives in a way that reflects your love and we have failed to count the cost of what it means to follow You into an unknown future. Forgive us, Lord, when we have made Your call on our lives into an easier to fit our own tastes. Help us to name and bring before You those things

we have worshiped or devoted our lives to that are not of You, so that we might more faithfully follow You, amen.

Words of Assurance

Autumn Boyer

Friends, hear this good news: when we turned our faith into being more of a reflection of us and our desires and less like the way of Jesus, Jesus still faced Jerusalem and took up his cross for us. 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*

You are invited at this time to greet your neighbor offering signs of peace.

† *Hymn*

"The Summons (Will You Come and Follow Me)"

WS 3112

Prayer for Illumination

Autumn Boyer

Lord, with You are the words of life and the bread that sustains us. Give us today a living word, and free us to receive them, amen.

The Bible Year Reading:

Matthew 5:1-11

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Sermon

Rev. Rachel Randall

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

HOLY COMMUNION

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.

Joining earth and heaven's unending hymn: 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.

Proclaiming the mystery of faith: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.
Receiving the Bread and Cup of Christ while singing "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian in My Heart" UMH 402

Prayer Following the Receiving of 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***
Benediction

"His Eye is on the Sparrow"

TFWS 2223

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Postlude

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A Large Crowd Listens to Jesus' Hard Teachings
"Sermon on the Mount," Olrik Henrik, Wikimedia Commons

Welcome to Parkwood UMC

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