

Parkwood UMC Service of Worship
11th Sunday after Pentecost
August 9, 2026

† Please stand as you are able.



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Desiree Davis-Omburo

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Adam

Chiming the Trinity

† *Call to Worship*—Psalm 51:10-17

Rebecca Turner

Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

¹¹ Do not cast me from your presence
or take your Holy Spirit from me.

¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

¹³ Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
so that sinners will turn back to you.

¹⁴ Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God,
you who are God my Savior,
and my tongue will sing of your righteousness.

¹⁵ Open my lips, Lord,
and my mouth will declare your praise.

¹⁶ You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it;
you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

¹⁷ My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart
you, God, will not despise.

† *Opening Hymn* “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

UMH 57

Young Disciples Time

At this time, the young disciples may come forward for Young Disciples Time, and afterwards they may proceed to the nursery with volunteers.

† *Hymn* “O God Our Help in Ages Past”

UMH 117

Prayer for Illumination

Rebecca Turner

Living God, help us so to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe and believing, we may follow in all you in our lives, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

New Testament Reading

Romans 10:5-15

Gospel Reading

Mark 7:31-37

Herb Schwarze

Prayer of Confession

Rebecca Turner

Gracious God, You brought a man to Jesus who could not hear and could barely speak, and he took him aside, touched him, and said, "Be opened." We confess that we, too, carry places in us that are closed. We closed our ears and our eyes to our neighbors, especially those in need. We avert our gaze and our attention from them. We have allowed our lives to become like our world: a place of endless noise and distraction that can crowd out your still, small voice. We have mouths, but we do not always speak well—we stay silent when we should speak up, and we have let our tongues loose. Lord, look upon us in mercy and say those words to us: "*Ephphatha — be opened.*" Open us anew to the life you have for us, and may we look for and be opened to You and to whom you place in front of us. Amen.

Offer silent prayers of confession

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear this good news: the same Christ who came to the deaf and mute man comes to meet us here. He does not turn away from us but sees and has mercy and healing for us.

Thanks be to God, we are forgiven and restored.

† *Peace of Christ*

The Offering and Song

“Open My Eyes That I May See”

UMH 454



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.

Doxology

Prayer over the Offering

Sermon

“Be Opened”

Rev. Meghan Benson

Prayers of the People

Rebecca Turner and Pastor Adam

At this time, we will lift up the joys, people, places, and concerns on our hearts up to God. If you have a prayer concern you would like for us to pray for, please raise your hand and a mic will be brought to you.

† ***Closing Song***

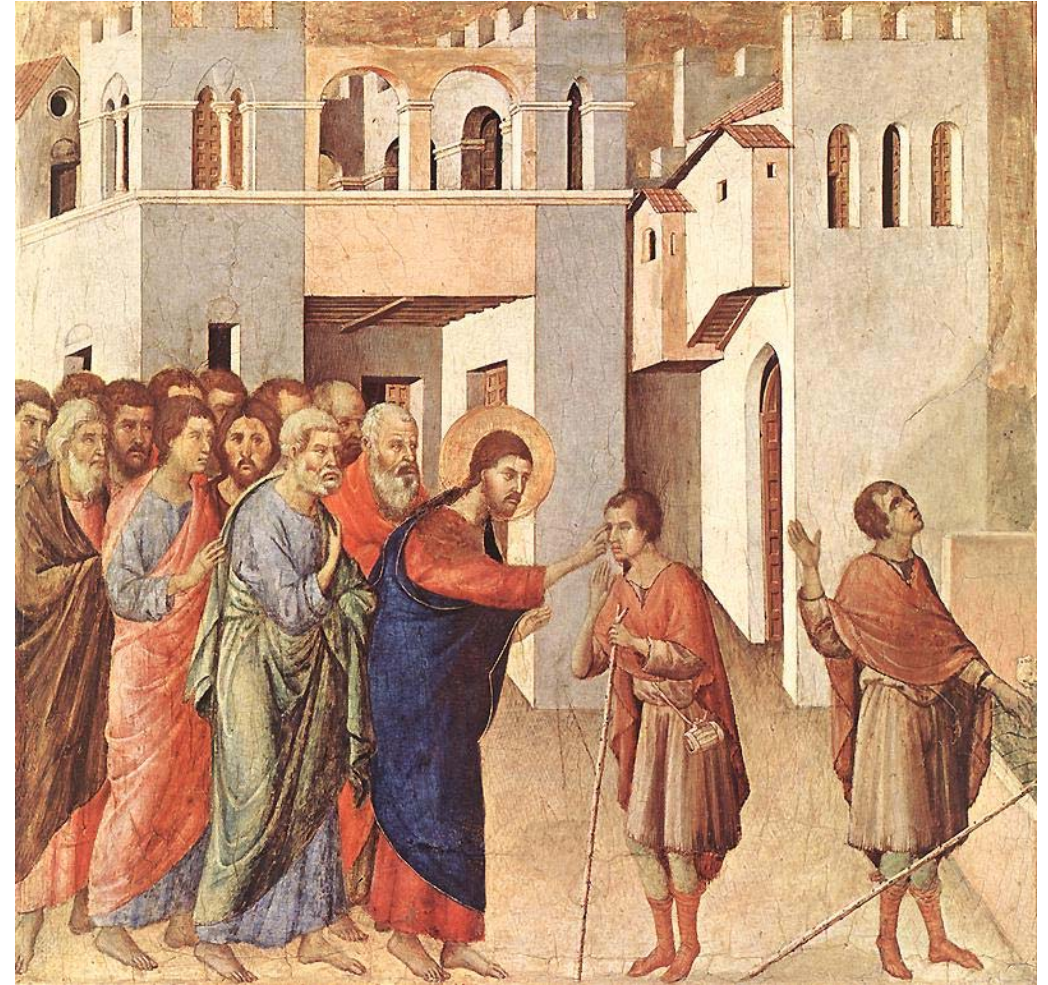
† ***Benediction***

† ***Chiming the Trinity***

† ***Postlude***

“Goodness of God” (PP)

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Duccio di Buoninsegna, “Healing of the Blind Man”

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