Order of Worship
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
July 25, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.

Prelude *Soul, Adorn Yourself With Gladness* G.P. Teleman

Welcome

Call to Worship (Responsive)
Look to the Lord, who is faithful,
Who gathers and guards the people.
Look to the Lord, who is merciful,
Who redeems and restores our lives. Let us worship God!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)
Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way. You are always faithful to us, yet we pursue our own desires and goals. You are generous beyond measure, yet we jealously hoard your gifts. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to comprehend the height and depth and breadth of your great love for all; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Silent time for your reflection and personal confessions)

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Instrumental Interlude *Open Thou Mine Eyes* John Rutter

Scripture Lesson Ephesians 3:14-21
John 6:1-21

Sermon Near-Sighted Rev. Christie Ashton

Anthem *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit* Doris Akers

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer (Unison)
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Affirmation of Faith (Unison) A Brief Statement of Faith
In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the One Triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and earth. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude** Allegro Composer Unknown

*All who are able please stand.

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