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Love God • Live Compassion

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025 ~ CHANGE MAKERS

The words in **black bold** are spoken or sung by the congregation. Please, no food or beverages are allowed in the Sanctuary. * Indicates when to rise in body or spirit.

UMH--United Methodist (Blue), TFWS--The Faith We Sing (Black), W&S--Worship & Song (Green)

PRELUDE

“Hosanna”

#3188 W&S

WELCOME

THRESHOLD MOMENT

P: Over the next four weeks, we will be exploring Jesus’ identity, and our own, as “changemakers.” We are inspired by The Changemaker Initiative, whose work is helping churches see that the work God is about these days is less about perfecting the church and more about changing the communities we live in. The problems in the world can be so overwhelming that we stop believing we can make a difference. But we can, if we change our own perception of what that looks like. We will discover that each one of us is called and equipped to make change. And this, my friends, is our true asset in the world. We, the people of the Body of Christ, have so much to give. We will reimagine together.

In my dreams I can fly
and I soar
and my feet touch the sky
and it seems I can go anywhere if I try
and the world’s not so dark
when the clouds make it white
If there’s no hope tell me why
in my dreams I can fly

P: This first week, we will affirm the starting point: changemaking starts with compassion. Jesus tells his disciples, “Take a look.” As people of faith who want to make a difference, we must start with compassion: with connection, with seeing and “suffering with.” The source of this deep compassion, and the source of strength to be a part of the change, is God’s love.

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Call to Worship

L: The world is changing. We see it everywhere. We feel it in our bones. It seems to happen so much faster now than it used to.

All: The world is changing.

L: And also, the world needs to change. Children are hungry. Systems are unjust. People are afraid. There are people on the streets who won't make it a day longer.

All: The world needs to change.

L: It is God's desire that the world would change and become more like a holy commonwealth of just peace in which all have what they need.

All: And we are the changemakers.

L: We are called to work alongside the Holy Spirit. We are called to follow the way of Jesus.

All: May we be changed by this time of worship!

PASSING THE PEACE

Pastor: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: You are invited to pass the peace among you, remembering to pass it to those joining us remotely.

PRAISING

"The Heart of Worship"

Matt Redman

When the music fades All is stripped away And I simply come
Longin' just to bring Something that's of worth That will bless Your heart

I'll bring You more than a song For a song in itself Is not what You have required
You search much deeper within Through the ways things appear You're looking into my heart

I'm comin' back to the heart of worship
And it's all about You It's all about You, Jesus
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it
When it's all about You It's all about You, Jesus

King of endless worth No one could express How much You deserve?
Though I'm weak and poor All I have is Yours Every single breath

I'll bring You more than a song For a song in itself Is not what You have required
You search much deeper within Through the way things appear You're looking into my heart, yeah

I'm comin' back to the heart of worship
And it's all about You It's all about You, Jesus
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it
When it's all about You It's all about You, Jesus

I'm comin' back to the heart of worship
'Cause it's all about You It's all about You, Jesus
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it
'Cause it's all about You It's all about You, Jesus, yeah
All about You

I'll bring You more than a song I'll bring You more than a song, more than a song
I'll bring You more than a song I'll bring You more than a song (than a song)

You're looking into my heart You're looking into my heart
You're looking into my heart Into my heart

I'll bring You more than a song I'll bring You more than a song, yeah, yeah
I'll bring You more than a song I'll bring You more than a song

YOUNG & YOUNG AT HEART TIME

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Pastor: It is the mission of the United Methodist Church to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Today we have friends who have decided they would like to join us in our mission.

Lay Leader: I present (Names) who desire to enter into the fellowship of this congregation.

Pastor: Will you accept the freedom God gives us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves.

New Members: I will.

Pastor: Will you follow the Way of Jesus for the transformation of the world?

New Members: I will.

Pastor: As a member of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service and your witness?

New Members: I will.

Pastor: Members I commend these siblings to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

All: We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in love. As members together with you in the Body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant to faithfully participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything Divine Love may be glorified through the love of this community.

Pastor: It is our joy to welcome you in a spirit of Love.

CONTEMPORARY READING

“Choosing Love”

Richard Rohr

“Love, like forgiveness, is a decision. It’s a decision in our minds and in our hearts. And we’d better make it early in the day, because once we’re a few hours into low-level resentment, anger, or disappointment, it’s too late. When we’re not choosing love, we’ll use any excuse to be unhappy or irritated. We’re already unhappy, and then something gives us an excuse to externalize it. The exact object for our unhappiness is actually arbitrary. Unhappiness just needs an object—as do happiness and love. We have to recognize ahead of time when we’re not living in love. This is surely why a morning prayer or practice is so important—to allow us to choose to love each and every day.”

COMMUNITY PRAYER ~ THE LORD’S PRAYER

Sung in Echo

*Our Mother, Father, **Our Mother, Father**
Who art in heaven, **Who art in heaven**
Hallowed be thy name, **Hallowed be thy name**
Thy Kingdom come, **Thy Kingdom come**
Thy will be done, **Thy will be done**
On earth as it is in heaven, **On earth as it is in heaven**
Give us this day, **Give us this day**
Our daily bread, **Our daily bread**
And forgive us all our sins, **And forgive us all our sins**
And lead us not, **And lead us not**
In temptation, **In temptation**
But deliver us from evil, **But deliver us from evil**
For yours is the Kingdom and the power and the glory
Forever, Forever
And ever, **And ever**
Our Mother, Father, **Our Mother, Father**
Who art in heaven, **Who art in heaven**
Hallowed be thy name, **Hallowed be thy name***

Luke 10:25-37

A legal expert stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to gain eternal life?"

Jesus replied, "What is written in the Law? How do you interpret it?"

He responded, "*You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself.*"^[a]

Jesus said to him, "You have answered correctly. Do this and you will live."

But the legal expert wanted to prove that he was right, so he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

Jesus replied, "A man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. He encountered thieves, who stripped him naked, beat him up, and left him near death. Now it just so happened that a priest was also going down the same road. When he saw the injured man, he crossed over to the other side of the road and went on his way. Likewise, a Levite came by that spot, saw the injured man, and crossed over to the other side of the road and went on his way. A Samaritan, who was on a journey, came to where the man was. But when he saw him, he was moved with compassion. The Samaritan went to him and bandaged his wounds, tending them with oil and wine. Then he placed the wounded man on his own donkey, took him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day, he took two full days' worth of wages and gave them to the innkeeper. He said, 'Take care of him, and when I return, I will pay you back for any additional costs.' What do you think? Which one of these three was a neighbor to the man who encountered thieves?"

Then the legal expert said, "The one who demonstrated mercy toward him."

Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

WE SING

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

#2171 TFWS

MESSAGE

"Compassion"

Rev. Dr. Michele Robbins

OFFERTORY

"Teach Your Children"

Crosby, Stills, and Nash

Offerings can be placed in the basket on the table, online at ukiahumc.org, or mailed to PO Box 323, Ukiah

*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

#95 UMH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise God all creatures high and low

Give thanks to God in love made known

Creator, Word, and Spirit One

*MEMBERSHIP STATEMENT

Members of the Ukiah United Methodist Church accept the freedom God gives us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves. We welcome opportunities to bring God's love to the world in as many ways as we can. We promise to uphold our beloved church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.

GETTING STRONG

"The Summons"

#2130 TFWS

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

GO FOR IT!

John Wesley

**South: Do all the good you can, North: By all the means you can,
South: In all the ways you can, North: In all the places you can,
South: At all the times you can, North: To all the people you can,
All: As long as ever you can. Amen.**

BLESSING

***STEPPING OUT “Soon and Very Soon”**

#706 UMH

We are a Welcoming & Affirming Congregation:

We welcome all persons into full participation in the life of the congregation regardless of age, gender identity, racial or ethnic background, sexual orientation, marriage status, or physical or mental condition.

UMH--United Methodist Hymnal

TFWS--The Faith We Sing Hymnal

W&S--Worship & Song Hymnal

CEB--Common English Bible

NRSV--New Revised Standard Bible

NRSVUE--New Revised Standard Bible Updated Edition

MSG--The Message Bible