

LISBON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 26, 2021 Kingdomtide 18

PRELUDE and TIME OF QUIET REFLECTION

WORDS OF GREETING

A Time of Praise

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Are any among you suffering?

PEOPLE: Then let us pray

Leader: Are any cheerful?

PEOPLE: Then let us sing songs of praise

Leader: Are any among you sick?

PEOPLE: Then let us turn to each other for God's healing touch.

Leader: The prayer of faith will save us

PEOPLE: And God will lift us up.

Katherine Hawker

*OPENING HYMN *God of Grace and God of Glory* # 577

UNISON PRAYER O God, you declare your almighty power above all by showing mercy and compassion; grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, who are running to obtain your promises, may be partakers of your heavenly treasure; Through Jesus Christ who is alive with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 124 # 846

Act of Confession and Pardon

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we admit to you and to each other that we are a mixture of light and darkness. Something much wiser than human know-how is needed to sort us out and make us whole again. Merciful God, you search us and truly know us. Be to us not the God we think we want but the God we really need for our salvation. Amen.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Here is the Good News: "God did not send his son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved." Grace, mercy, and peace are yours for the taking. Accept God's gift and be free.

Bruce Prewer

Hearing God's Word

OLD TESTAMENT READING Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22

*HYMN *His Eye is on the Sparrow* #2146

EPISTLE READING James 5:13-20

GOSPEL READING Mark 9:38-50

SERMON *Prayer and Action*

Responding To God's Word

A TIME OF PRAYER

Joys and Concerns and Time of Silent Prayer

The Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Sung Response *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* 2193

RECEIVING OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*CLOSING HYMN *Trust and Obey* # 467

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNG BENEDICTION *On Eagle's Wings* #143

POSTLUDE

Today's Worship Leaders

Greeter: Carolyn Jones

Lay Reader: Sue White

Video Production Manager: Gwen Rioux

Debbie Greim, Organist and Choir Director

Rev. Elizabeth J. Bachelder Smith, Pastor



*Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let
your heart take courage;
wait for the Lord!*

- Psalm 27.14