

LISBON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 19, 2025 Laity Sunday

PRELUDE and TIME OF QUIET REFLECTION

WORDS OF GREETING

A Time of Praise

CALL TO WORSHIP (Sue)

Unison: We have gathered once again, Lord of all and Lord of us.
We come to lift our prayers, and to sing your praises once again.
We come to ask and hope and long to see your justice in the land.
We worship in that hope and will work in that spirit.

*OPENING HYMN (Sue) *Wonderful Words of Life* UMH #600

UNISON PRAYER: (Judy) God of Justice, we know that in this
hard world there are judges that neither fear God nor respect
God's people. But you call us to remember and celebrate all
women and men, who persist in the cause of right; who will not
keep quiet, who pick up their pens or take to the streets. Who
are blessed with courage to change the world. Amen.

RESPONSIVE PSALM (Judy) Psalm 119 vs 1-48 #840 response 3

UNISON ACT OF CONFESSION (Ella Mae)

The new covenant God has made with Israel and with us, begins
in forgiveness. Though we continually break covenant with God,
God remains faithful. We confess our sins to God, trusting that
God will forgive us and remember our sins no more.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Friends, God promises to forgive us, to put our sins out of God's
own mind and heart. In this way, God gives us not just a second
chance but a new beginning. Believe the good news of the
gospel: our salvation is through faith in Christ Jesus. Thanks be
to God!

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON (Deb Crosman) Jeremiah 31:27-34

Special Music by Bob Packard

EPISTLE READING (Deb Crosman) 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

GOSPEL LESSON (Sue) Luke 18:1-8

SERMON (Sue) Persistent Faith

*HYMN *Here I Am, Lord* UMH#593

Responding To God's Word

A TIME OF PRAYER (Sue)

Joys and Concerns and A Time of Silent Prayer
The Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer #895

Prayer Response #488 Jesus, Remember Me

RECEIVING OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS (Sue)

Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

Persistent and just God, you do not turn away when your people cry out. Receive these gifts as acts of our faith—faith that keeps moving, faith that keeps hoping, faith that keeps working for justice, even when the world says it's too late or too little. Make us a people who do not lose heart. Shape our prayers into action and our generosity into grace, until your kin-dom comes-on earth, as it is in heaven. In the name of Christ, who still stands and knocks. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN *Great is Thy Faithfulness* UMH #140

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORDS OF BENEDICTION

May you continually wrestle with prayer. May you beseech the door of heaven with shameless boldness. May your prayers produce in you, a countenance of joy, a gracious demeanor, and a peaceful heart and

may the God of hope fill you all with peace, that you may abound in hope, assured that your prayers are heard by a loving and gracious Father. Amen.

SUNG BENEDICTION

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*POSTLUDE