

## Gathering & Welcoming God's Presence

Prelude

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GREETINGS

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Adult Bible Studies -- Sundays @9:30am
2. SPRC Meeting after Church today
3. Nomination Committee Meeting 9/14 after church

**OPENING PRAYER:** Creating God, you are the source of nature's splendor—the beauty and fragrance of delicate flowers, and sweet sound of birdsong. We come to you this morning with delight and gladness, grateful for all of your wonders. As the fields produce their harvest, may your love grow within us, that we too may produce a harvest of love, hope, and joy. *Amen.*

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Welcome, Beloved of God! For truly, you are deeply, wonderfully, beautifully loved by the God of all creation!

**People: Come, let us worship God who loves us!**

Leader: Whether your week was filled with mountain high joys or valley-low sorrows, peace like a gently flowing river, or stress like a stormy gale, this is the time to rise and come away to worship God who sustains and tends to you.

**People: Come, let us worship God who loves us and tends to us!**

Leader: In a world that pulls us this way and that, God's love is our True North, guiding us with an uncommon wisdom through all that life brings us.

**People: Come, let us worship God who loves us and guides us!**

Leader: Beloved, the time for singing has come, because God's love, care, and wisdom sustain and guide us wherever we go.

## LUMC's Vision Statement:

**"Show God's love by accepting, supporting, and serving all people." Matthew 25:35,36,40**

**All: Come, let us worship and sing to the God who loves, tends, guides, and sustains us! Amen.**

**Hymns; Majesty 2x UMH#176**

**TIME TO SHARE OUR JOY AND CONCERN**

**PASTORAL PRAYER Pastor Kalo**

**The Lord's Prayer (in 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

**OFFERING**

**DOXOLOGY**

**UMH#95**

**OFFERTORY PRAY**

**\*HYMN; Spirit Song v 1,2**

**UMH#347**

**SCRIPTURE**

**Mark 7:1-8**

**Message: Eating Together!**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**\*HYMN Let us Break Bread Together v1-4 UMH#618**

**\*BENEDICTION: Beloved of God, go from this place blessed with: Peace! Joy! And Wisdom! And grace to share with All! Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\*POSTLUDE**

## LIVINGSTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### SCRIPTURE READING      Mark 7:1-8

The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus <sup>2</sup> and saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. <sup>3</sup> (The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. <sup>4</sup> When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles. <sup>(a)</sup>

<sup>5</sup> So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, “Why don’t your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with defiled hands?”

<sup>6</sup> He replied, “Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written:

““These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.

<sup>7</sup> They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules.” <sup>(b)</sup>

<sup>8</sup> You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions.”

**Reader:** This is the Word of God    **Congregation:** Thanks be to God

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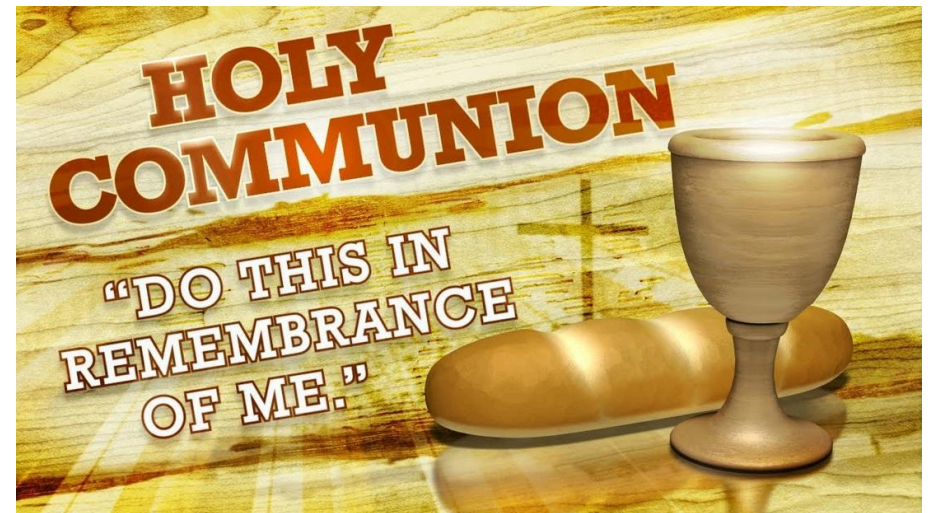
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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost      September 1st, 2024

Sunday Worship 10:30 am

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