

**SOUTH CADILLAC UMC
SUNDAY, JULY 6, 2025**

PRELUDE

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE ENTER INTO GOD'S DIVINE PRESENCE

***CALL TO WORSHIP (congregation in bold)**

God of benevolence, be with us as we seek to love deeply.

We meet you in love.

Jesus, friend of all, lead us into relationships in truth.

We meet you in truth.

Spirit of divine wind, move us to form friendships in hope.

We meet you in hope.

We seek you; we follow you; we are moved by you! Amen.

***OPENING HYMN "More Love to Thee, O Christ"UMH 453**

***UNISON OPENING PRAYER**

Jesus, you cast your net of love to all people near and far. Let your divine spirit fill us today as we praise you. Open our hearts and let the loving breath of the spirit guide us to live, grow, and lead as we build our own nets of connection and friendship. We do all of this in your holy name. Amen.

WE CONFESS OUR SINS TO GOD

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving and merciful God, we thank you for the community in which you have placed us, for the brothers and sisters with whom we walk this pilgrim journey. We confess that we fail to love as you love. We push aside those whom we believe are the least in your Kingdom. We fail to see your Kingdom in parables because we fail to see your Kingdom in each other. Form in us a new vision of community in which there is neither East nor West, neither South nor North. We pray for the sake of your Kingdom that both is and is not yet. Amen.

A MOMENT FOR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (congregation in bold)

God abides in you! God is breathing, living, forgiving, restoring you in this moment and in the days to come. This is the good news for us!

As God is in us so we can live, work, care for others; so that love, hope and joy might touch all people. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE READING – Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

SERMON – "Loving Friends"

WE RESPOND IN JOYFUL SERVICE

H 560 HYMN OF RESPONSE – "Help Us Accept Each Other" UN

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving – UMH 13

Breaking the Bread

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

(You may bring your offering forward with you and place in the offering plate.)

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

***CLOSING HYMN “In Christ There Is No East or West” UN**

***BENEDICTION (congregation in bold)**

We have sung, we have prayed, we have worshiped together.

Now we go back out into the world.

We came together to build relationships,
relationships with each other, and our relationship with Jesus.

We go out as people who are strengthened by our connections,
Ready to love and to serve. Ready to carry God's love to the world.

As you journey through the ups and the downs of the coming week,

let us remember that God, who has invited us into relationship, is always with us.

Go with God, as the people of God.

Amen.

***POSTLUDE**

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