

**CADILLAC SOUTH UMC  
SUNDAY, JULY 27, 2025**

**PRELUDE “His Eye is on the Sparrow”**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WE ENTER INTO GOD’S DIVINE PRESENCE**

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

For God so loved the world; **The sparrows, the mountain lions,  
the fish, and the people.** For God so loved the world;  
**In success and failure, in sickness and health, in mediocrity  
and extraordinary.** For God so loved the world;  
**Enough to become one of us, enough to suffer along with us,  
enough to offer new life for us.** For God so loved the world;  
**Let us worship our loving God!**

**\*OPENING HYMN – “To God Be the Glory” UMH 98**

**\*OPENING PRAYER (congregation in bold)**

Blest are you, Lord Jesus, who came to us as a child, one of us,  
flesh and blood to share in our humanity.

**For God so loved the world that all might have eternal life.**

Blest are you, Lord Jesus, who came to us as a carpenter and yet  
in whose creative hands a world was fashioned.

**For God so loved the world that all might have eternal life.**

Blest are you, Lord Jesus, who came to us as a fisherman and yet  
pointed to a harvest that was yet to come.

**For God so loved the world that all might have eternal life.**

Blest are you, Lord Jesus, who came to us as a teacher and  
opened eyes to truths that only the poor could understand.

**For God so loved the world that all might have eternal life.**

Blest are you, Lord Jesus, who came to us as a healer and  
opened hearts to the reality of wholeness.

**For God so loved the world that all might have eternal life.**

Blest are you, Lord Jesus, who came to us as a prophet, priest,  
and king and yet humbled himself to take our place on the cross.

**For God so loved the world that all might have eternal life.**

Blest are you, Lord Jesus, who came to us as a servant and  
revealed to us the extent of God’s love for humankind.

**For God so loved the world that all might have eternal life.**

Blest are you, Lord Jesus, who rose from the shame of a sinner's  
death to the triumph of a Savior's resurrection.

**For God so loved the world that all might have eternal life.**

God so loved the world that God gave God’s only Son for the  
sake of you and me and other sinners too.

**God so loved the world. Blest are you, Lord Jesus, our Savior  
and our Redeemer. Amen.**

**WE CONFESS OUR SINS TO GOD**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

## **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

We confess, O God, that we are an impatient and selfish people. When you offer us the promise of a new future, we complain that you don't get there fast enough. When you provide for our needs, we complain that it isn't enough. And when our bad attitudes and negative outlooks cause us to stumble, we blame you. Holy God, forgive our sinful ways. Teach us to be patient. Instruct us to be grateful. Guide us to be responsible and humble. As we turn ourselves around and look to the cross, let us experience your grace and your gift of new life. In the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, we pray. Amen.

## **A MOMENT FOR SILENT CONFESSION**

### **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (congregation in bold)**

How much does God love us? Enough to send the divine heart, hope, and spirit to us, not to condemn us, but to save us.

Not by our speaking or doing, but by God's good and precious grace are we saved. Thanks be to God! Amen.

## **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED**

**SPECIAL MUSIC "The Gift of Love" Megan Leineke**

**SCRIPTURE READING – John 3:16**

**SERMON – "Loving God"**

## **WE RESPOND IN JOYFUL SERVICE**

## **\*HYMN OF RESPONSE – "Jesus Loves Me" UMH 191**

## **MINISTRY OF PRAYER**

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

## **OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS TO GOD**

Offertory

\*Doxology

\*Unison Prayer of Dedication

God, as you so graciously allow us to find refuge in you, we thank you for your consistent and unconditional love for us. And now in gratitude, we return that love to you in one of many ways. We bring to you today our gifts of love and thanksgiving. May these be the first of many seeds we sow into your church and our community. In Christ we pray. Amen.

## **WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

\*CLOSING HYMN – "Because He Lives" UMH 364

\*BENEDICTION

\*SENT FORTH BY GOD'S BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE

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