

## Worship, Sunday, August 24, 2025

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

Carol Bellamy

### \*Call to Worship

Jan Derry

ONE: Living God, you formed us in the womb and appointed us to be prophets to the nations.

MANY: **Stretch out your hand to cure our infirmities and dispel our fears,**

ONE: That we may know the freedom of serving you in Christ

MANY: **And proclaim the wonders you have done. Amen.**

### \*Hymn #459: "Come, O Fount of Every Blessing"

### \*Passing the Peace

Keith Johnson

### Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-10 (*New Living Translation*)

Louise Piper

The Lord gave me this message: "I knew you before I formed you in your mother's womb. Before you were born I set you apart and appointed you as my prophet to the nations."

"O Sovereign Lord," I said, "I can't speak for you! I'm too young!"

The Lord replied, "Don't say, 'I'm too young,' for you must go wherever I send you and say whatever I tell you. And don't be afraid of the people, for I will be with you and will protect you. I, the Lord, have spoken!"

Then the Lord reached out and touched my mouth and said, "Look, I have put my words in your mouth! Today I appoint you to stand up against nations and kingdoms. Some you must uproot and tear down, destroy and overthrow. Others you must build up and plant."

### Special Music:

Karen Yoho

### Time with Young Disciples

Rev. Love and Rick Ransom

*Children and Youth are invited up front for a brief talk or lesson with the Pastor, then may return to sit with their parents.*

### Unison Prayer

Mike Crompton

**God of power and justice, like Jeremiah you weep over those who wander from you, turn aside to distraction and enter into estrangement and chaos.**

**Plant us firmly in your purpose. Teach us your ways and write them on our hearts so that we may follow faithfully the path you show us.**

**Move us to praise your gracious will, for in Christ Jesus you have called us from destruction and opened for us the mysteries of your love.**

**We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Scripture Reading:** Luke 13:10-17 (*New Living Translation*) Yolanda Burnett

One Sabbath day as Jesus was teaching in a synagogue, he saw a woman who had been crippled by an evil spirit. She had been bent double for eighteen years and was unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Dear woman, you are healed of your sickness!" Then he touched her, and instantly she could stand straight. How she praised God! But the leader in charge of the synagogue was indignant that Jesus had healed her on the Sabbath day.

"There are six days of the week for working," he said to the crowd. "Come on those days to be healed, not on the Sabbath. But the Lord replied, "You hypocrites! Each of you works on the Sabbath day! Don't you untie your ox or your donkey from its stall on the Sabbath and lead it out for water? This dear woman, a daughter of Abraham, has been held in bondage for eighteen years. Isn't it right that she be released, even on the Sabbath?" This shamed his enemies, but all the people rejoiced at the wonderful things he did.

**Sermon:** "A Spirit To Build Up and Plant" Rev. Aubra Love

**\*Hymn #286:** "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

**The Community at Prayer** Rev. Aubra Love

*Sharing of Joys and Concerns, Prayers of the People, and the Lord's Prayer. If you are watching online, type any prayer requests in the Chat by the end of the sermon and we can voice them and get the names on the prayer list.*

**Prayer Response**

**Invitation to the Offering** Rev. Love and Jim Miers

"Some you must uproot and tear down, destroy and overthrow. Others you must build up and plant." Jeremiah 1:10b, New Living Translation

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**Offertory:**

Keith Johnson and Tom Gill

**\*Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God for all that love has done,  
Creator, Christ and Spirit, One.**

**\*Unison Prayer of Dedication**

Stacy Hindalong

**Life-giving God, who heals our lives,  
we celebrate your power to build among us and perform wonderful deeds.  
We offer you thanks and praise from generation to generation  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" (*on the back of this page*)

**\*Commissioning and Blessing**

Rev. Love

**\*Postlude**

