

And the Lord said,
“Arise, anoint him; for this is he.”

1 Samuel 16:12

*September 18, 2022, 10:30 a.m.
15th Sunday after Pentecost*

Order of Worship

(*Please rise in body or in spirit.)

PRELUDE “Cantabile from Symphony VI” (Widor) Henry Repp

GREETING Rev. Todd Lattig

*CALL TO WORSHIP Kathleen Meredith

Defying expectations, God calls us to serve.

Upending established patterns, God enrolls us in the story of grace.

We are startled! We are humbled. We are *called*.

Let us worship the Lord.

*OPENING HYMN “I Surrender All” UMH 354

*OPENING PRAYER

Lord, you catch us off guard, seeing in us things that we cannot see ourselves. You anoint us with a new vision of our lives, and we set our feet on the path of service. As we gingerly move forward, taking one step at a time, remind us daily of your call and your blessing, that we may trust in your claim upon our lives. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM Chancel Choir
“Build Thee More Stately Mansions” (Young)

COMMUNITY PRAYER Rev. Lattig

CHORAL RESPONSE TO PRAYER Chancel Choir

KIDS ROCK CHILDREN’S SERMON Rev. Lattig

SCRIPTURE READINGS Kathleen Meredith

1 Samuel 16:1-13

16 Now the LORD said to Samuel, “You have mourned long enough for Saul. I have rejected him as king of Israel, so fill your flask with olive oil and go to Bethlehem. Find a man named Jesse who lives there, for I have selected one of his sons to be my king.”

² But Samuel asked, “How can I do that? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me.”

“Take a heifer with you,” the LORD replied, “and say that you have come to make a sacrifice to the LORD. ³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you which of his sons to anoint for me.”

⁴ So Samuel did as the LORD instructed. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town came trembling to meet him. “What’s wrong?” they asked. “Do you come in peace?”

⁵ “Yes,” Samuel replied. “I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Purify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” Then Samuel performed the purification rite for Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice, too.

⁶ When they arrived, Samuel took one look at Eliab and thought, “Surely this is the LORD’s anointed!”

⁷ But the LORD said to Samuel, “Don’t judge by his appearance or height, for I have rejected him. The LORD doesn’t see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”

⁸ Then Jesse told his son Abinadab to step forward and walk in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, “This is not the one the LORD has chosen.” ⁹ Next Jesse summoned Shimea, but Samuel said, “Neither is this the one the LORD has chosen.” ¹⁰ In the same way all seven of Jesse’s sons were presented to Samuel. But Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.” ¹¹ Then Samuel asked, “Are these all the sons you have?”

“There is still the youngest,” Jesse replied. “But he’s out in the fields watching the sheep and goats.”

“Send for him at once,” Samuel said. “We will not sit down to eat until he arrives.”

¹² So Jesse sent for him. He was dark and handsome, with beautiful eyes. And the LORD said, “This is the one; anoint him.”

¹³ So as David stood there among his brothers, Samuel took the flask of olive oil he had brought and anointed David with the oil. And the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David from that day on. Then Samuel returned to Ramah.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God for this Word.

SPECIAL MUSIC “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” Chancel Choir

SERMON All Are Called: “God’s Purpose for You” Rev. Lattig

OFFERTORY “Offertory” (Martin) Henry Repp

You may leave your offering in the plate in the narthex or scan one of the QR codes on the back of this bulletin to make your offering electronically.

*DOXOLOGY UMH 95

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Kathleen Meredith

God, we give these monetary offerings that they may be used for your purposes. Show us, O God, what those purposes may be. Guide us and give us wisdom so that these offerings are used how you would have them used. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN “Where He Leads Me” UMH 338

*BENEDICTION Rev. Lattig

POSTLUDE “Rejoice in the Lord” (Southbridge) Henry Repp

**Our church will be celebrating 191 years of ministry and mission
on Anniversary Sunday, September 25th.
Please join us on this very special day.**

**We will also be celebrating the life of Claus Seebeck with a
Memorial Service at 2 p.m. that afternoon. We will inter his ashes in
Martha's Memorial Garden outside behind the chancel immediately
following the Memorial Service followed by a repast in Holland Hall.**

In need of prayer and centering?

**Join us for Prayers and Praises each Wednesday evening starting
Wednesday, September 21, from 6-7 p.m. in the Sanctuary.
An opportunity to connect with God through prayer and music.**

Crafting Fellowship

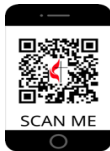
**Bring your own project and supplies and enjoy the company of
fellow crafters!
Saturday, September 24th, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Holland Hall
Bring a snack to share if you would like.**

Today's Worship Leaders

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Organist/Music Director
Greeter
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