



September 11, 2022



Rev. Lura Kidner-Miesen, Pastor
Rev. Bill Hays, Guest Pastor
Eric McKirdy, Organist & Music Director

Centering Thought

“And the world cannot be discovered by a journey of miles, no matter how long, but only by a spiritual journey, a journey of one inch, very arduous and humbling and joyful, by which we arrive at the ground at our feet, and learn to be at home.”

— Wendell Berry in *The Unforeseen Wilderness*



Welcome!

Prelude

Invitation to Worship (from *Godspace* by Christine Sine)

Ken Sansome

Loving and compassionate God,
Lord of all health and wholeness

We are fearfully and wonderfully made

Thank you for your miracle of healing

You gift our bodies with incredible means of protection and repair

Immune systems that shield and heal us

Wounds that heal, bones that knit, tissues that repair themselves

Thank you for your miracle of healing

You gift our world with knowledge and wisdom that cure our diseases

Thank you for your miracle of healing

You gift our lives with your healing life

Your Cross that saves and redeems us

The bread and wine that draws us into your presence

Thank you for your miracle of healing

Hymn: *Be Thou My Vision*

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Scripture:

Psalm 51:1-10; Matthew 5:21-24

Message: "Mending What is Broken"

Rev. Bill Hays

Hymn: *It's Me, It's Me, O Lord*

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Prayer

Rev. Bill Hays

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.

Hymn: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

UMH #140

Closing Blessing

Postlude

Announcements:

~ We welcome Rev. Bill Hays to the pulpit today. Pastor Lura is on vacation through October 5. Rev. Bill will also preach on September 18, Rev. Joe Medley will preach on September 25, and we'll sing our favorite hymns for Music Sunday on October 2.

~ United Women in Faith (formerly UMW) is having a bake sale following the worship service. Proceeds support ministries in Albany and around the world.

~ Today, September 11, is Zach Herring's final day at the tech desk. We wish him the best as he starts his first year at college.

~ Our congregation partners with God's Heart so they can cook a hot meal in our kitchen and take it to those who are unhoused. God's Heart also provides people with basic needs such as clothing. You may donate through our church website at albanymethodist.org or by noting on your check that it is for "God's Heart."

~ United Women in Faith's district meeting is September 17 at 9:30 a.m. It will be on YouTube or in-person at Eugene First UMC, 1376 Olive Street, Eugene. If you want to carpool, contact Kirsten at 541-223-2164. Information and registration forms are on the table in the church entryway.

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