

St. Helens First United Methodist Church

560 Columbia Blvd., St. Helens, OR 97051

August 16, 2020

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

Eternal God, you have drawn us together this day from a variety of backgrounds, experiences, hopes, and dreams. Be with us as we experience your presence and your healing love. Open our hearts and our spirits to receive your strength, encouragement, and peace. Come! Let us worship God, who restores our hope and makes us one. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 45:1-15

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

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

HYMN/ANTHEM: From All That Dwells Below the Skies See Below

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

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.

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 15:10-28

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

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

HYMN/ANTHEM: Have Thine Own Way, Lord See Below

MESSAGE: "An Unexpected Encounter"

CLOSING PRAYER (Unison)

God, mark us with grace and blessing! Let our lives reflect your light and your goodness, so that the way in which we live might bring others to an awareness of your presence and your love. Teach us to trust you with our whole heart, and to praise you in every circumstance, so that your grace and mercy might reach out through us to the entire world and make us one. Amen.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 16-22

Due to the recent coronavirus outbreak, there are no worship services or small group meetings currently being held at the church. Instead, we are worshipping online on the church website (www.sthelensfirstumc.org) and engaging in fellowship and Bible study over Zoom. Bible study is at 10:30 am on Sunday and fellowship follows at 12 noon. Login information is available on the main page of our church website.

If you have any questions about the reopening of the church or would like to know more about our ministry during this time, call Pastor Jared at (206) 930-9051 or email him at pastorjaredmaddox@gmail.com. You can also call the church office at (503) 397-0061 or email it at office@shfumc.comcastbiz.net.

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