

# St. Helens First United Methodist Church

560 Columbia Blvd., St. Helens, OR 97051

September 20, 2020

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

**Gracious God, overburdened by the demands of everyday life, we come to this place in search of rest. May we find here the strength to work for justice. Overwhelmed with stress and anger, too often we seek revenge rather than offer forgiveness. May we find here the patience to embody mercy. Through your Spirit, you call us to a life grounded in humble service. May we find here the courage to embrace your call, so that everyone we meet might witness your love and grace. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING: Exodus 16:2-15

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

**PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.**

HYMN/ANTHEM: Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service 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 20:1-16

MESSAGE: "What is this? A God of Justice AND Grace"  
Rev. Dr. Randy Maddox

HYMN/ANTHEM: Now Thank We All Our God See Below

CLOSING PRAYER (Unison)

**May we go from here as workers in God's unexpected, upside-down kingdom, where the last are first and the first are last, where needs are met in miraculous ways and there is grace enough for all! And may the**

**blessing of God, the love of Jesus Christ, and the presence of the Holy Spirit surround us and sustain us in the coming days. Amen.**

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20-26

**Due to the recent coronavirus outbreak, there are no worship services or small group meetings currently being held at the church. Instead, we are worshiping online on the church website ([www.sthelensfirstumc.org](http://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](mailto:pastorjaredmaddox@gmail.com). You can also call the church office at (503) 397-0061 or email it at [office@shfumc.comcastbiz.net](mailto:office@shfumc.comcastbiz.net).**

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