

May 29, 2011

10:00 a.m.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Samuel 3:1-20

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: God, be gracious to us and bless us, make your face shine upon us,
P: that your ways may be known on earth and your saving power among all the nations.

L: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

P: Let all nations rejoice and sing for joy; for you judge the people with equity and guide the nations of the earth.

L: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

P: The earth has given its increase and God, our God, will bless us.

L: God has blessed us;

P: let all the earth praise God!

*HYMN *"We Gather Together"* UMH No. 131

PRAYER OF CONFESSION **God of the ages, God of all nations, guide us by your Spirit to live in peace and freedom. Forgive us those times that we have forgotten the peace you have left with us. Grant to us what prosperity may be your will, but above all things give us faith in you, that our nation may bring glory and honor to your name and blessings to all peoples; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENCE

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Hear the Good News, Christ died for us while we were yet sinners, that proves God's love for us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

JOYS AND CONCERNS

HYMN OF REFLECTION *"Lead Me, Lord"* UMH No. 473
MORNING PRAYER

SERMON **"Remembering Eli"** *Rev. Kenda Dean*

*HYMN *"Open My Eyes, That I May See"* UMH No. 454

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

OFFERTORY *Please put your name on offering envelope.*

GIVING OF GIFTS, TITHES, OFFERINGS

(In response to God's love, we offer our gifts, reflecting on what God has done in our lives this week.)

*DOXOLOGY **Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Almighty God, your Son came among us to serve and not to be served, and to give his life for the world. Lead us as a nation by his love to serve all those to whom the world offers no comfort and little help. Through us and through the gifts we bring, give hope to the hopeless, love to the unloved, peace to the troubled, and rest to the weary. In the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN *"For the Beauty of the Earth"* UMH No. 92

*CIRCLE OF LOVE *o Sent Forth by God's Blessing*, No. 664 v. 1

*LORD'S PRAYER *BENEDICTION *POSTLUDE

*Those who are able, please stand.