



ORDER OF SERVICE September 26,2021

PRELUDE *El Shaddai* by Michael Card and John Thompson

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Rob Watkins

CALL TO WORSHIP Jason Oehler

Leader The Lord gathers us in from every place and every situation.
People The Lord calls us to enter God's kingdom.
Leader It is a kingdom of transformation.
People God makes us more than we could ever imagine.
Leader The instruments of peace, the tools of reconciliation and redemption.
People We come, O Lord, teach us in your wisdom; fill us with your grace.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

MUSICAL MEDITATION *Fairest Lord Jesus* arr. Richard Willi

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord,
We fear being lost; we worry over having no direction
We fear the darkness around us
We fear one another as that darkness closes in
Help us discern your light in the midst of darkness
May we feel your redeeming hand upon us
Cleanse us and renew us in your mercy
Send us to offer grace to everyone
Following Jesus, our Lord
Amen

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Robin Fuller

OFFERING including Offertory Prayer

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 3:1-12

SERMON Wilderness Wisdom

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

For God so loved the world that God gave God's only Son that whoever believes in him may not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send God's Son to condemn the world, but to redeem the world. Whoever believes in him will be redeemed. Amen.

—John 3:16-18

PRAYERS FOR OURSELVES, OTHERS, AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

MUSICAL MEDITATION

How Majestic is Your Name

by Michael W. Smith

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Take My Life and Let It Be

arr. Tornquist

Acolyte Schedule: September 26 Trent Spittle

October 3 Ruby Wallace

PRAYER LIST			
Elizabeth King	Ann Brown	Kenneth Helms	Bernice Martin
Warner Marshall	Joann Reid	Barbara Krady	David Stephens
Ronald Stephens, husband of Priscilla		Holly Diggs, niece of Doris DeArmon	
Caroline Williams	Tom Rhodes	Bonnie Hodges	Sylvia Buchanan
J.C. Plott, brother in law of Donna Seaford		Nancy Holland	Carolyn Sheehan
Winston Haney, cousin of Teri Garrison		Michael Doering, son in law of Jimmy & Janet Hunter	
Kathy Robinson	Shirley Hunter	Kirk & Betsy Killian	Sylvia Buchanan
Zak Armistead & Brandi Wayman		Kaycee Walker, niece of Carey & Greg Armistead	
Lynn Kelley	Owen Carriker	Matthew Hinson, nephew of Perry Deaton	
Sarah Alexander	Dale McLaughlin	Anne Foust	
Charlotte & David Maggard, sister of Kim Helms		Cathee Griffin, sister of Kim Helms	
Libby Carroll, sister of Linda Killian		Barbara Cottrell	
Pam McMahan, cousin of Linda Wallace		JW Avant	Frances Christenbury