



"Rejoice with me,
for I have found my **sheep**
that was **lost.**"
— Luke 15:6

14th Sunday after Pentecost September 11, 2022 9:30 am

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Gathering and Welcome

Procession

Prelude

\*Call to Worship

One: We may come here for a glimpse of glory,

**All: But Jesus asks us, “Can you drink the cup that I drink?”**

One: The cup of Jesus’ own life: struggle and joy; suffering and hope. Fullness of life! We may come here to get close to Jesus,

**All: And Jesus asks us, “Can you be baptized with my baptism?”**

One: Baptized into the reign of God, where the Spirit breaks down barriers among all people and creates new relationships! We may come here for honor or fame,

**All: But Jesus challenges us, “To become great you must serve!”**

One: Why are we here?

**All: To drink the cup of fullness of life; to immerse ourselves in Jesus’ struggle for justice and peace; to learn how to serve so that the world may be healed.**

\*Opening Hymn      “Amazing Grace”      UMH 378

\*Opening Prayer

**Holy Dwelling Place, your tent is wide enough to provide shelter for all who seek you; food for all who hunger, and healing for all who suffer. Meet us here today, and fill us with the confidence of your presence, that we may risk sharing Jesus’ cup and his baptism so the world may become the place of love and justice you desire for all. Shelter us with your light and clothe us with your heavenly garments. Teach us how we may best serve ourselves and one another on this daring adventure. Amen.**

Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer

Special Music

Scripture Reading      1 Timothy 1:12-17

\*Hymn of Preparation      “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”      UMH 103

Scripture Reading      Luke 15:1-10

Sermon      “Saved” or “Used”?      Pastor Sam

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

\*Closing Hymn      “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”      UMH 381

\*Blessing and Benediction

**Large print bulletins and hymnals are available. If you would like one, please see an usher.**