

**SouthWest United Church
June 26, 2022**

Welcome

Gathering: VU 307 Touch the Earth Lightly (vs 1-3)

Candle

In darkness, **there is light.**

In sadness, **there is hope.**

In death, **there is light, love and life everlasting!**

Thanks be to God. **Amen.**

Call to worship

Through prophets, rulers and leaders, through disciples and apostles and followers; **through saints and reformers and mystics, through you and me and us, God passes on the stories to the world. Come, let us worship God and continue the story.** **Cradle me in your arms, cherish and comfort me. O Jesus, source of healing love, in your presence I am free. (MV 91)*

Opening prayer *Let us Pray Together:*

God of wisdom and wonder, we gather in this place as prophets and disciples, as people led by your spirit, as humble flowers seeking to do your will. Called here by your love, we come to be renewed in our faith and go from here ready to serve you. Open us to your spirit, we pray. Amen

Hymn: VU 595 We Are Pilgrims

Prayers for Grace and Transformation

O God, you call us to continue the story.

When apathy prevents us from beginning the task, inspire us.

When we find excuses for not carry out the task, alert us.

When your priorities are clear but we ignore them, confront us.

When we see the need to work with others, enable us to make the first move.

In the midst of hart struggle, set before us the example of Jesus who did not fail in his commitment to serve others and you. Amen

Words of Assurance

Thanks be to God for the spirit of freedom and grace which leads and guides us into life. Amen

The Peace

Prayer before scripture

Scripture

2 Kings 2: 1-2, 6-14

Psalms 16

Luke 9: 51-62

Reflection

Hymns to Inspire

Announcements / Invitation to the Offering

Doxology – Praise God... (VU 541)

Offertory Prayer

Prayers of the people/Lords Prayer

**Bathe me in your light, O God of All, Creator; let it shine upon my soul with healing and with grace. Be to me a beacon bright through shadows of life's wounding, showing me the way to live in faith, in your embrace.*

Blessing

As we extinguish the candle we say:**Without darkness, there can be no light. We extinguish the flame but carry the light of Christ in our hearts until we can be together again.**

Benediction

Closing Hymn: VU 657 He Leadeth Me

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Third Sunday after Pentecost



*...then suddenly a chariot of fire pulled by horses of fire came between them, and Elijah was taken up to heaven by a whirlwind.
- 2 Kings 2:11*