



AN ORDER OF  
**WORD AND TABLE**

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# GATHERING

Music for Gathering

Greeting One Another\*

**RE-GATHERING\***

*How Great Thou Art*

UMH 77

Announcements

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Opening Prayer

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 18:1-11 (NRSV)

<sup>1</sup> The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: <sup>2</sup> “Come, go down to the potter’s house, and there I will let you hear my words.” <sup>3</sup> So I went down to the potter’s house, and there he was working at his wheel. <sup>4</sup> The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter’s hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

<sup>5</sup> Then the word of the Lord came to me: <sup>6</sup> Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter’s hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. <sup>7</sup> At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, <sup>8</sup> but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. <sup>9</sup> And at another

moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, <sup>10</sup> but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. <sup>11</sup> Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

**HYMN**

*How Great is Our God*

WS 3003

(The children are invited to come forward during this song.)

Children's Message

Special Music [10:30]

*How Can I Keep from Singing*

Scripture Reading

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 (NRSV)

<sup>1</sup> O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

<sup>2</sup> You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from far away.

<sup>3</sup> You search out my path and my lying down,  
and are acquainted with all my ways.

<sup>4</sup> Even before a word is on my tongue,  
O Lord, you know it completely.

<sup>5</sup> You hem me in, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.

<sup>6</sup> Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain it.

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<sup>13</sup> For it was you who formed my inward parts;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

<sup>14</sup> I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.  
Wonderful are your works;  
that I know very well.

<sup>15</sup> My frame was not hidden from you,  
when I was being made in secret,

intricately woven in the depths of the earth.  
16 Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.  
In your book were written  
all the days that were formed for me,  
when none of them as yet existed.  
17 How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!  
How vast is the sum of them!  
18 I try to count them—they are more than the sand;  
I come to the end—I am still with you.

**HYMN\***

*Change My Heart, O God*

FWS 2152

Scripture Reading

Luke 14:25-33 (NRSV)

<sup>25</sup> Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup> “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup> Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup> For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup> Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, <sup>30</sup> saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ <sup>31</sup> Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup> If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. <sup>33</sup> So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

Sermon

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

On Screen

**RESPONSE**

*Gloria Patri*

UMH 70

Prayer of Confession

(A time of silent prayers of confession.)

Words of Assurance

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings

(If you are a guest this morning, please feel no obligation to give. This is simply one of the ways we worship God.)

**RESPONSE\***

*The Doxology*

UMH 94

## THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING\***

**THE LORD'S PRAYER\***

**RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP**

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

## GOING FORTH

**HYMN\*** *Would I Have Answered When You Called* FWS 2137

Dismissal with Blessing\*

Postlude\*

# PRAYER CONCERNS

For privacy reasons, we do not post a list of prayer concerns online. Please contact Julie Mayden at [julie@abilenefirstumc.org](mailto:julie@abilenefirstumc.org) to request a copy. We will begin posting prayer concerns here January 1, 2017.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **MUSIC MINISTRY INFORMATION**

The children's Ring Praise Bell Choir will begin practicing Sunday, September 11, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Music Ministry sign-up days will be Sunday, September 4th and 11th, 2016. At this time, anyone interested in participating in our Music Ministry may sign up for the year ahead. This includes Chancel Choir, Bell Choirs, vocal or instrumental ensembles, all accompanists (piano, guitar, drums, etc.), and balcony volunteers for slides and sound. Please contact Clark Williamson by phone at (785) 263-2623, or by email, [clark@abilenefirstumc.org](mailto:clark@abilenefirstumc.org).

## **FOOD MINISTRY TEAM BACK IN ACTION**

Beginning October 1<sup>st</sup> our Food Ministry Team will be back in action delivering meals to church family members recovering from an illness, surgery, or a recent child birth. But first we need to recruit some team members. If you enjoy cooking, fellowship, and the opportunity for service this might be the team for you.

Volunteers are needed to help with the cooking and packaging of casseroles several times a year. We also need volunteers willing to deliver the meals and prepare a side dish or two to pair with it. To join our team, contact Marilyn Jordan at 263-1682(H) 280-0608(C) or sign up in the Narthex. You can also help us by calling the church office when you're aware of a member in need of a meal.

Thanks and Bon Appetit!

## **UNABLE TO WORSHIP WITH US IN PERSON?**

Listen to our live broadcast on 1560 AM KABI radio on Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDY**

The "Young, Younger, Youngish" Sunday School class will be rebooting this September.

How do you love the unloveable? Are you looking for a way to put your faith into action? Do you wonder what it would be like to go outside of your Christian comfort zone and minister to the lost like Jesus did?

Join us in the Church Library at 9:30 am on Sundays, Sept 11, 18, and 25 to discuss the book, "Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion." For 20 years, Gregory Boyle has run Homeboy Industries, a gang-intervention program located in a neighborhood of Los Angeles. He distills his experience working in the ghetto into a breathtaking series of parables inspired by faith.

The book is available on Amazon for \$9.28 and we are asking that you read it BEFORE September 11. Tim Johnson will facilitate the group discussion. As you read, ask yourself how this applies to our own community and in what ways FUMC can be involved in a ministry that affects those in need that live and work around us.

# **THE WEEK AHEAD**

## **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4**

- 8:15 a.m.      Worship Service in the Sanctuary
- 9:20 a.m.      Small Groups for Christian Education
- 10:30 a.m.     Worship Service in the Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m.      Narcotics Anonymous - 203 (Library)

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 \*LABOR DAY\***

Offices closed in observance of the Labor Day Holiday

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6**

- 8:30 a.m. Quilters - 208
- 10:00 a.m. Parkinson's Group Exercise Class - Narthex
- 6:30 p.m. Outreach Committee Meeting - 200
- 7:30 p.m. Contemplative Prayer Group - B9

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**

- 12:00 p.m. UMW Potluck Luncheon - Wright Hall
- 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting - Pastor's Office
- 3:30 p.m. Power & Light - Peatling
- 5:45 p.m. Communion - Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Group - Peatling
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice - Wright Hall

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**

- 5:00 a.m. Prayer Vigil - Chapel
- 8:30 a.m. Quilters - 208
- 9:00 a.m. Card Ministry Group - 200
- 10:00 a.m. Caregivers - 203 (Library)
- 10:00 a.m. Parkinson's Group Exercise Class - Narthex
- 1:30 p.m. Care Connections - 200
- 6:30 p.m. JW Bell Choir Practice - Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts - Peatling

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**

- 12:00 p.m. Church Office Closes

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship Breakfast - Wright Hall

## **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

- 8:15 a.m.      Worship Service in the Sanctuary
- 9:20 a.m.      Small Groups for Christian Education
- 10:30 a.m.     Worship Service in the Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m.      Disciple II Bible Study - 200
- 5:00 p.m.      Finance Committee Meeting - 206
- 5:00 p.m.      Ring Praise Practice - Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m.      Narcotics Anonymous - 203 (Library)

## **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**

- 1:30 p.m.      UMW "Hope" Circle - 200
- 5:30 p.m.      Breastfeeding Support Group - Peatling
- 7:00 p.m.      Worship Design - 200
- 7:00 p.m.      Boy Scouts - Peatling

## **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**

- 8:30 a.m.      Quilters - 208
- 10:00 a.m.     Parkinson's Group Exercise Class - Narthex
- 12:00 p.m.     Retired Teacher's Luncheon - Wright Hall
- 7:30 p.m.      Contemplative Prayer Group - B9

## **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**

- 1:30 p.m.      Staff Meeting - Pastor's Office
- 3:30 p.m.      Power & Light - Peatling
- 5:45 p.m.      Communion - Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m.      Youth Group - Peatling
- 7:00 p.m.      Chancel Choir Practice - Wright Hall

## **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**

- 5:00 a.m.      Prayer Vigil - Chapel
- 8:30 a.m.      Quilters - 208
- 9:00 a.m.      Card Ministry Group - 200
- 10:00 a.m.     Parkinson's Group Exercise Class - Narthex
- 6:30 p.m.      JW Bell Choir Practice - Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m.      Cub Scouts - Peatling

# SERMON NOTES/DOODLES

# WELCOME TO THIS WORSHIP SERVICE

Please note that bold type indicates congregational participation. An asterisk (\*) indicates that you are invited to stand as you are able. UMH stands for *The United Methodist Hymnal*. FWS stands for *The Faith We Sing*. WS stands for *Worship and Song*.

## THOSE LEADING WORSHIP

Angie Hoerner, Accompanist and Ben Luty, Guitarist  
Carly Graefe, Special Music  
Vinduska and Kate Luty, Acolytes  
Betty Eckman and Larry Divel, Liturgists  
Mike Engle and Jeff Luty, Sound  
Brenna Riffel and Rae Schwarting, Slides  
Clark Williamson, Director of Music Ministries  
Wendy Robinson, Children's Message  
Jennifer and John Collins, Pastors

## PASTORAL CONTACT INFORMATION

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## NURSERY

A nursery is provided during each service for children. The nursery is located in Room 205 on the second floor near the south entrance to the Church. If you need assistance locating the nursery, our ushers and greeters will be happy to direct you.

## EMAIL UPDATES

Jenny and John use a service called TinyLetter to send out blog posts by email every day or so. This way you can keep up with the blog simply by checking your email inbox. You can also reply with an email of your own and let us know what you think. You can sign up at [tinyletter.com/jcollins11](http://tinyletter.com/jcollins11).