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Haven of Mercy  
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## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### WORSHIP GUIDE

SUNDAY, MAY 23, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

#### Prelude

#### Call to worship

From Psalm 27

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Should I fear anyone?

The Lord is a fortress protecting my life.

Should I be frightened of anything?

All I seek is to live in God's house all the days of my life.

He will shelter me in His own dwelling in times of trouble.

He will hide me in a secret place and set me safe on a rock.

Be strong and let your heart take courage!

Hope in the Lord.

**Invocation**

**Hymn of Praise** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

**Confession and Absolution**

Lord Jesus,

You scatter us throughout our community to make disciples of all people, but we focus our energies inward and shy away from sharing the good news in word and deed.

You charge us to keep Your commandments, but we struggle to obey them and neglect to model them for others.

You assure us of Your abiding presence, but we doubt this promise and disregard Your Spirit, denying the power You give us to do Your work.

Forgive us, Lord, and renew in us the church You created us to be.

Wash us with Your grace, and send us out in witness and service, so that all will come to know Your abiding presence and unending love.

*(a time for personal reflection)*

Stand firm in all things, trusting in God, and continuing in good works.

Live always in the good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. AMEN

**New Testament Reading** 1 Peter 4:12-19

**Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer** Rev. Jodie Ihfe

**Hymn of Reflection** "His Eye is on the Sparrow"

**New Testament Lesson** Acts 7:54-8:4

**Sermon** "Scattered" Rev. Gary Ihfe

**Hymn of Commitment** "Our God"

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

**Update from the Reopening Committee**

Our FUMC family has been faithful in following the recommended guidelines for COVID-19 given to us by Holston Conference and put forth by the Reopening Committee. We have been moving toward our goal of resuming worship for our congregation. Recent news from government agencies and Holston Conference will allow FUMC to move forward with more changes to ease restrictions while we worship together:

We will continue wearing masks while inside the church. On a gradual basis, the congregation will be invited to participate more in the service. Please follow the guidance of our pastors and worship leaders as they guide us in congregational participation.

Anticipated dates:

May 23: Lord's Prayer in unison & other simple responses

May 30: Responsive Call to worship and Confession

June 6: Responsive Communion liturgy/prayer

June 13: one congregational song

Additionally, we will no longer require worshippers to be escorted to specific seats, nor to be dismissed by rows at the end of the service. Also, feel free to spend time in fellowship with others before and after the service.