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Brother's Keeper
Haven of Mercy
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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WORSHIP GUIDE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 2021

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prelude "Love Divine" Arr. Charles Callahan

Call to worship

Leader: As we journey through life, God is with us!

People: God will never leave us nor forsake us.

Leader: In the joys and anguish of everyday living, God is
with us!

People: Nothing can ever separate us from God's love!

Leader: Be still and do not fear, God is with us!

People: God's steadfast love will endure forever.

Invocation

Hymn of Praise "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Confession & Pardon

Leader: Holy and gracious God, we see and feel the manifestations of Your love in our lives every day.

People: Forgive us when we forget to share Your bountiful gifts of love with others.

Leader: Forgive us when we enjoy family and friends and forget those who are lonely.

People: Forgive us when we eat our fill and forget those who struggle to feed their families.

Leader: Forgive us when we relax in comfort and forget those who have no safe place to rest their heads.

People: Forgive us when we take pride in who we are and pass judgment on those who do not live the way we think they should live.

Leader: Forgive us when we take Your gifts as a privilege and not as a blessing.

People: Forgive us, Lord. Remind us that just as You have loved us, we should love others.

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: When we love each other, God's love is perfected in us. Hear and rejoice in the good news of the Gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed to try again. Thanks be to God for love that never ends!
Alleluia! Amen!

New Testament Reading

1 John 4:7-12

Morning Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Hymn of Reflection "No One Ever Cared For Me Like Jesus"

Ministry Moment

Doxology

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 29:16-30:24

Sermon

"Sister vs. Sister"

Rev. Jodie Ihfe

Hymn of Commitment

"One Thing Remains"

Benediction

Postlude

"Hanover"

Arr. David Cherwien

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Ann Patton, who passed away on August 10.

COVID-19 Response Update

The Church Reopening Team met this week in response to the recent significant increase in COVID-19 cases in our community. We understand that meeting in person is important to the members of our church. In order to do so safely, we are asking the following of anyone planning to attend any church activities in person over the next few weeks:

- we ask that anyone, regardless of vaccination status, wear a mask at all times during indoor activities.
- we ask that everyone please spread out in all gathering spaces to allow for proper social distancing between households.
- we will be pausing congregational singing temporarily.
- we ask that meals take place outside.

We strongly recommend these safety protocols because we have vulnerable populations that cannot be vaccinated and those who are already vaccinated can still be at risk for serious illness from this virus. This is especially true for people with certain underlying health conditions.

We expect these actions to be temporary and hope that COVID numbers will begin going down soon.