



# *Sunday, July 5, 2020*

## *Twin Ports United Methodist Ministries – Laity Sunday*

*Nine locations, one Methodist movement:*

***Asbury UMC, Faith UMC of Superior, First UMC, Forbes UMC, Hillside UMC, Hope UMC,  
Northwood UMC, Norton Park UMC, United Church of Two Harbors***

*Today is a combined service of all nine United Methodist churches in the Twin Ports and is led completely  
by lay people from each congregation.*

**Prelude**      *An American Patriotic Medley*      arr. Phil Hamm  
Kathy Moland, piano; Bonnie Ritchie, organ; Norton Park UMC

**Welcome and Announcements**      Geoff Bell, First UMC

**Call to Worship**      Kelly Isaacson and Aaron Kruse, Faith UMC

**Leader:** Holy God, we gather together in the name of Jesus Christ. Though we are physically apart, we rejoice as we come together as one to honor You. We are thankful for the opportunity to worship You and remember that we are one in the Spirit. We are one in the Lord.

**People:** **We are one in the Lord. We gather to worship You, the One who created beauty out of chaos. In the times we feel alone, remind us that You are our ever-present help in times of trouble.**

**Leader:** Remind us that You are our ever-present help in times of trouble. May all who seek You find refuge. May all who thirst drink from the well of Life. May all who hunger be satisfied with the Word of God.

**People:** **May all who hunger be satisfied by the Word of God. In this time of separation, remind us again that we are bound together by Your love. We give You praise, honor and thanks for this day, for you have made it and it is good. Amen.**

**Hymn**      *This is My Song*      UM Hymnal #437, v. 1 and 2

*1. This is my song, O God of all the nations,  
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.  
This is my home, the country where my heart is;  
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;  
but other hearts in other lands are beating  
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.*

*2. My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,  
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;  
but other lands have sunlight too, and clover,  
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.  
O hear my song, thou God of all the nations,  
a song of peace for their land and for mine.*

**Hymn**      *God of the Ages*      UM Hymnal #698, v. 1 and 4

*1. God of the ages, whose almighty hand  
leads forth in beauty all the starry band  
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,  
our grateful songs before thy throne arise.*

*4. Refresh thy people on their toilsome way,  
lead us from night to neverending day;  
fill all our lives with love and grace divine,  
and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.*

**Morning Prayer**

Nancy DeArmond, Hope UMC

Prayers of Joy and Concern

**Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

**Anthem***Pass It On*

Kurt Kaiser

Emma Rustan, vocal solo and guitar; Hillside UMC

**Children's Message**

Amanda Zbacnik and her children, Northwood UMC

**Scripture Reading**

Debbi Merrick, Asbury UMC

**Isaiah 43:19**

See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.

**Matthew 7:7-8**

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

**Hymn***My Life Flows On (How Can I Keep From Singing)*

The Faith We Sing #2212, v. 1 &amp; 2

1) *My life flows on in endless song,  
above earth's lamentation.  
I hear the clear, though far-off hymn  
that hails a new creation.*

*Refrain: No storm can shake my inmost calm  
while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since love is Lord of heaven and earth,  
how can I keep from singing?*

2. *Through all the tumult and the strife,  
I hear that music singing.  
It finds an echo in my soul.  
How can I keep from singing?*

*Refrain: No storm can shake my inmost calm  
while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since love is Lord of heaven and hearth,  
how can I keep from singing?*

**Introduction of Speaker**

Judy Ziegler, Forbes UMC

**Sermon***We are Called...*

Becky Boland, Certified Lay Minister

**Offering Our Gifts and Tithes**

Linda Tomasek, Hillside UMC

**Offertory***Jesus Calls Us*

arr. Lani Smith

Meredith Kuehl, organ, Hope UMC

1) Come! Live in the light!  
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!  
We are called to be light for the kingdom,  
to live in the freedom of the city of God!

Refrain: We are called to act with justice,  
we are called to love tenderly,  
we are called to serve one another,  
to walk humbly with God!

2. Come! Open your heart!  
Show your mercy to all those in fear!  
We are called to be hope for the hopeless  
so all hatred and blindness will be no more.  
Refrain: We are called to act with justice,  
we are called to love tenderly,

*we are called to serve one another,  
to walk humbly with God!*

3. Sing! Sing a new song!  
Sing of that great day when all will be one!  
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other  
as sisters and brothers united in love!

Refrain: We are called to act with justice,  
we are called to love tenderly,  
we are called to serve one another,  
to walk humbly with God!

**Words for Going Forth**

Cheryl Grant, United Church of Two Harbors

**Postlude**

*America the Beautiful*

Samuel Ward, arr. Ryan Janus

Sherri Johnson, flute, Forbes UMC



***Our speaker this morning is BECKY BOLAND.** Becky Boland is a certified lay minister in the UMC. Previously director of human resources and a generosity and communications consultant, Becky has also led strategic and board development planning, operations efficiencies, and community organizing. As co-chair of the Dakotas-Minnesota Host Committee for the called session of the 2020 General Conference, Becky serves as a member of the Commission on General Conference. Becky is also a member of the 2020 delegation to the General and North Central Jurisdictional Conferences and a General Conference staff volunteer for the 2019 and 2020 General Conferences. A long-time volunteer as a City of Minneapolis election official and at her daughter's school, Becky lives her faith in action through the United Methodist Women at Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church.*



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