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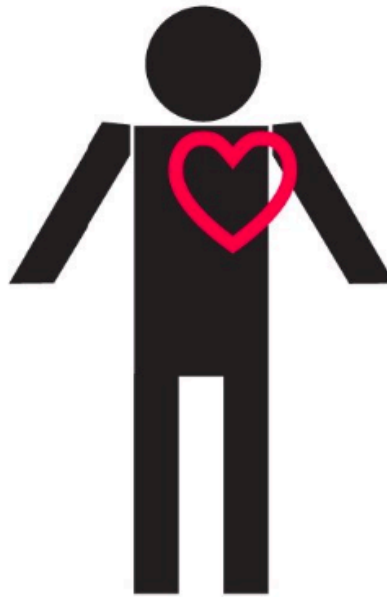
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Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

**MAN LOOKS ON THE OUTWARD APPEARANCE,
BUT THE LORD LOOKS ON THE HEART.**

1 SAMUEL 16:7



June 16, 2024

Worship Leader

Paul Greene

Mini Message

Rev. Brad Braley

Director of Music

Luke Overton

Organist

Hudson Lourenço-Feld

Office Manager

Michelle Wolfe

Custodian

Kyle Lindaman

*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here.*

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| Prelude | | Hudson Lourenço-Feld |
| Welcome & Announcements | | Paul Greene |
| *Call to Worship | | Paul Greene |
| Leader: We come to worship as the family of God. | | |
| People: We rejoice in the assurance of the grace of our Creator. | | |
| Leader: We seek again the power and the purpose of the Spirit in our lives. | | |
| People: We seek those human models of faithfulness that will inspire and guide us on our journeys of faith. | | |
| Leader: In communion and community, we celebrate the possibilities for our life together. | | |
| People: In thankfulness and appreciation, we come to reflect on the many gifts that have been revealed in the witness of men and women of faith, both in this congregation and in the Church, universal. | | |
| Leader: Let us reflect on the past, anticipate the future, and claim this moment and this day as a time for rejoicing. Let us give thanks. Let us worship God. | | |
| *Prayer of Invocation (unison) | | Paul Greene |
| Creator God, Father and Mother of all that is, open our hearts to see your opportunities around and within us. Open our eyes to the wonders of your creation. Open our nostrils to the smells of life. Open our ears to the cries for justice and truth. Open our mouths to the taste of freedom and love. Open our arms to the touch of sisters and brothers, parents and children. Open our eyes and our hearts, that we may walk in newness of life through the One who is the Resurrection and the Life, Jesus the Christ. Amen. | | |
| *Opening Hymn | <i>This Is My Father's World</i> | #485 (Pilgrim - Red) |
| Joys and Concerns | | Paul Greene |
| Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer (unison)Rev. Brad Braley | | |
| 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen. | | |
| New Testament Lesson | Mark 4:30-32 | Paul Greene |
| Mini-Message | | Rev. Brad Braley |
| Special Music | <i>What Wondrous Love is This?</i> | Seth Chronister |
| Invitation to Offertory | | Paul Greene |

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| Offertory | | Hudson Lourenço-Feld |
| *Doxology | | #515 (Pilgrim - Red) |
| *Prayer of Dedication | | Paul Greene |
| Old Testament Lesson | 1 Samuel 16:1-13 | Rev. Braley & Paul Greene |
| *Hymn | <i>Now in the Days of Youth</i> | #350 (NCH - Black) |
| Message | <i>“God’s Surprising Choice”</i> | Rev. Braley |
| Closing Prayer | | Rev. Braley |
| *Hymn | <i>Sent Forth By God’s Blessing</i> | #76 (NCH - Black) |
| Benediction | | Rev. Braley |
| Postlude | | Hudson Lourenço-Feld |

* Please Rise in Body or Spirit

*Children are welcome to worship with their families.
There are activity bags available at the back of the Sanctuary
as there will be no Sunday School during the summer months.*