## **SPARTA** UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

July 28, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Prelude

Words of Welcome

\*Call to Worship

Come, let us worship the Lord our God, whose love quenches our thirst. We are parched and thirsty for God's healing word. Let us praise God who is with us always. We seek the one who will not desert us. Let us open our hearts to God who calls us by name. We come, seeking renewed relationship with God.

\*Opening Song Come, Now is the Time to Worship W&S 3176

Congregational Prayer

God of compassion, we gather as your people committed to love and compassion, to healing the sick, offering food to the hungry and water to the thirsty. We gather as people who need one another, and who know that when we serve together, great things can happen. Help us join together as your people and help us to be compassionate towards one another and towards all people. Help us to use our compassion and caring as a means to transforming our community so that we might realize more closely your kingdom on earth, as Jesus has called us to build together with the power of the Holy Spirit. Hear our prayer in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray:

The Lord's Prayer		Ian Good
Song of Preparation	Where Children Belong	FWS 2233

A Time for Young Disciples

Reading of the Scriptures

2 Kings 4: 1-7

Now the wife of a member of the company of prophets cried to Elisha, "Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that your servant feared the Lord, but a creditor has come to take my two children as slaves."<sup>2</sup> Elisha said to her, "What shall I do for you? Tell me, what do you have in the house?" She answered, "Your servant has nothing in the house except a jar of oil."<sup>3</sup> He said, "Go outside, borrow vessels from all your neighbors, empty vessels—and not just a few. <sup>4</sup> Then go in, shut the door behind you and your children, and start pouring into all these vessels; when each is full, set it aside." <sup>5</sup> So she left him and shut the door behind her and her children; they kept bringing vessels to her, and she kept pouring. <sup>6</sup> When the vessels were full, she said to her son, "Bring me another vessel." But he said to her, "There are no more." Then the oil stopped flowing. <sup>7</sup> She came and told the man of God, and he said, "Go sell the oil and pay your debts, and you and your children can live on the rest."

The Message
I Need My People

This Week in the Life of the Church

The Offering of Our Gifts and Our Prayers

\*Closing Song
What does the Lord Require of You

\*Sending Forth

Postlude

Prayers for The Freeman Price family on the passing of Ann Freeman Price, Abbie Wright - She is still undergoing treatment for her cancer (and will be for quite some time), Teagaan Lavalley--fell and broke his femur and Maryanne Spence who will be having heart value

Lavalley--fell and broke his femur and Maryanne Spence who will be having heart valve replacement surgery

Continued prayers for: Terri McGinniss, Tina Smilek and Terri Reno, Tammy and Mike Vrabel and family for their granddaughter Izabella Vrabel, Linda Donelson (friend of Ruth Kelley's), Edith VanHousen, Anthony Hutchison, Kelly Stites, Alba Haas, Diane Cironi, Judy Remo, Arnie Koriakin, Sue Gibson, Sharon Gordon, Karen Sutphen, Lester Hemphill, Rich Kelley, Linda Giammanco, Brenda Losey

Healing for, Bev DeYoung, Pat and Sandy DeYoung's sister-in-law

## WELCOME TO ALL

Who hope for a better world & all who have lost hope:

Believers and seekers Conventional Christians & questioning skeptics

Women, men, youth and children

Of all sexual orientations & gender identities

Of all races and cultures,

Of all income levels

Of all social classes

Of all physical & mental abilities.

COME AS YOU ARE ...

YOU ARE WELCOME!

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Come, Now is the Time to Worship, Words & Music: Brian Doerksen Where Children Belong, Words & Music: James Ritchie What does the Lord Require of You, Words & Music: Jim Strathdee All songs - One License A-719583



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