

SPARTA

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

October 13, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Prelude *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* Tune: *St. Christopher*
by Frederick C. Maker (1844-1927)
Arranged by Mary McDonald
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Words of Welcome

*Call to Worship

We gather today to worship the One who created us,

The One who calls us,

The One who equips us,

The One who loves us without end.

With joyful hearts, let us worship God.

*Opening Song *There's a Spirit of Love in this Place* W&S 3148

Congregational Prayer

Loving God, the eyes of all look to You in hope, and You give them what they need. You open Your hand and satisfy the hunger and thirst of every living thing. We, too, turn to You again, longing to be filled—to eat of the Bread of Life, to drink from Your life-giving streams, to taste Your goodness and live.

May the time we spend together in Your presence nourish our hearts and minds; may it strengthen our relationship with You, and renew our commitment to live in this world as Your faithful disciples. For You alone are God, the Source and Sustainer of life. For we pray in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray:

The Lord's Prayer Ian Good

Song of Invitation *Where Children Belong* FWS 2233

A Time for Young Disciples

Scripture Reading *1 Timothy 6: 6-10, 17-19*

⁶ Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, ⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, ⁸ but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹ But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

¹⁷ As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹ thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Anthem *And Walk Humbly with Your God*
by Douglas E. Wagner
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The Message *So What's the Plan?*

This Week in the Life of the Church

The Offering of our Gifts and our Prayers

*Closing Song *The Summons* WFS 2130

*Sending Forth

Postlude *To God Be the Glory*
by William H. Doane
arranged by Bernadine Johnson
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***Stand if able**

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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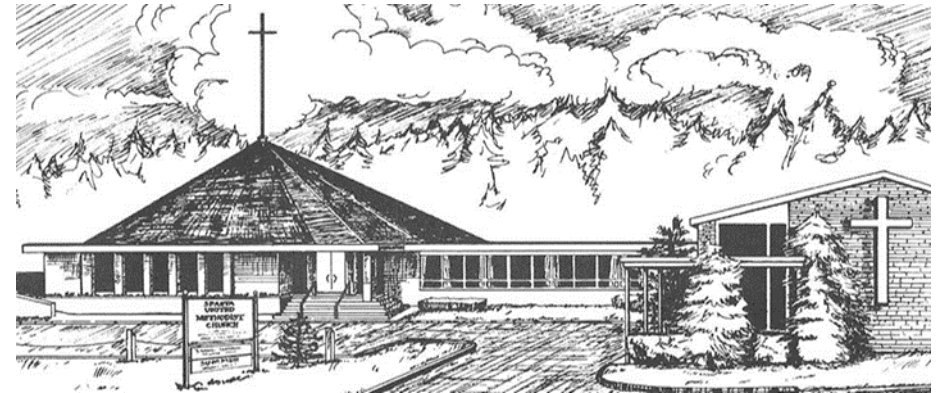
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There's a Spirit of Love in this Place, Words & Music: Mark A. Miller
Where Children Belong, Words & Music: James Ritchie
The Summons, Words: John Bell, Music: Traditional Scottish
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Not Just a Tagline: This IS who we are