

DODGE CENTER  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
September 15, 2024  
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
8:15 AM  
\*Stand as you are able



## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

## Joys and Concerns

## Prayer of Confession, Assurance and Pardon #890

\* **Centering Hymn** UMH #159 ( vs. 1-3)

“Lift High The Cross”

\***Call To Worship Psalm 116:1-9**

L: I love the Lord, because he has heard  
my voice and my supplications.

**P: Because he inclined his ear to me,  
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

L: The snares of death encompassed me;  
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;  
I suffered distress and anguish.

**P: Then I called on the name of the Lord:  
‘O Lord, I pray, save my life!’**

L: Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;  
our God is merciful.

**P: The Lord protects the simple;  
when I was brought low, he saved me.**

L: Return, O my soul, to your rest,  
for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

**P: For you have delivered my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears,  
my feet from stumbling.**

L: I walk before the Lord  
in the land of the living.

## Prayer of the Day

O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

**Hymn of the Day** UMH #295 (vs.1-3)

“In The Cross Of Christ, I Glory”

## New Testament Lesson – James 3:1-12

## Apostles’ Creed-UMH #882

## Prayers and The Lord’s Prayer

Respond with: L: Hear us, O God **P: your mercy is great.**

\***Doxology** UMH #95 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

\***Gospel Lesson** – Mark 7:27-38

**Sermon “What does it really mean to take up your cross and follow Jesus?”** Pastor Chad Christensen

\***Closing Hymn** TFWS #2129 (all vs.)

“I Have Decided To Follow Jesus”

## Benediction

\*Postlude



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**Welcome to all visitors!**

**Please sign our guest book before leaving.**

**Upcoming Events:**

- **Our next Community Meal** will be Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. The free will donations are for our annual church fundraiser. Go to the following link to help or donate. There is also a signup sheet at church.  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F094CA5AC2AA1FA7-50831977-umcfree>
- **Confirmation** begins this Wednesday, September 18 at 6:00 pm.
- **Coffee Fellowship** There is a sign-up sheet in the back on the small bulletin board to bring treats and serve for coffee fellowship on Sundays. Coffee will be made each Sunday and juice is provided.

Pastor- Rev. Chad Christensen    Pianist- Janet Bugarin  
Secretary- Janet Bugarin    Sound- Colin Lepp

**Thank you to our volunteers today**

Reader: Tyler Kispert  
Counters: Kelly Amunrud and Kathy Bartz

**Volunteers next week, September 22**

Reader: Kelly Amunrud  
Counters: Kelly Amunrud and Doris Weber

**Total donations needed each week- \$1,637.00.**

**Last Weeks' offering amount: \$1,079.00**

*The offering plate is located on the table at the back of the sanctuary. You may place your offering there. Thank you!*



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