



First United Methodist Church  
**Grief Bared!**

Sunday, August 8, 2021 11:00 AM

**Prelude**

*Tocatta in C, BWV 564*, J. S. Bach  
Joe Galema, Organist

**Hymn**

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*Give To the Wind Thy Fears*, Hymnal, Page 129

**Call to Worship**

**Todd Spencer**

LEADER: We call upon your name, O Lord.

**PEOPLE: Make your face to shine upon us that we would be whole.**

LEADER: Great is your faithfulness to all who call upon your holy name.

**PEOPLE: The heavens proclaim your righteousness.**

LEADER: Who will proclaim God's deeds?

**PEOPLE: We bear witness to God's divine works as evidence throughout our daily lives.**

**ALL: All glory, honor and praise be yours, forever and ever.**

**Invocation**

Merciful God, you have searched us and known us. It was you who formed our inward parts and saw us growing in secret. You continue to watch over us as we take our first tentative steps toward you. Call our names, encouraging us to take the next fearful step. Catch us in your strong arms when we fall, and lead us in the way everlasting. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, whatever it is we confess to you — words said or not said, deeds done or left undone, wounds and hurts that we have caused others — these things and more, you already know, Almighty God, for you know all our secret deeds, good and evil. Even though you know, we confess to you with words that, try as we do, we don't live up to your standards. Forgive us our sins, Lord, forgive us, and bless us. Amen.

**Words of Assurance**

**Special Music**

*My Lord, What A Morning*, arr. Mark Hayes  
Susan Loring, Soloist; Joe Galema, Pianist

**Time for Children**

**Marjorie Gross**

**Words of Welcome**

**Offertory**

Traditional African-American Spirituals  
*Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*, arr. Jochen Rieger

*Down By The Riverside*, arr. Stephen Bulla  
Bob Braidwood, Saxophonist; Joe Galema, Pianist

**Doxology** *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*, Hymnal, Page 94

**Affirmation of Faith** Hymnal, Page 883  
**Ann McClellan**

**Hymn** *Children of the Heavenly Father*, Hymnal, Page 141

**Scripture Lesson** Psalm 130, Old Testament, Page 614  
**Ann McClellan**

**Pastoral Prayer** **Todd Spencer**

**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, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

**Anthem** *Jesus Loves Me*, arr. Michael Hassell  
Douglas Grogan, Director  
Chancel Choir  
Bob Braidwood, Saxophonist  
Joe Galema, Pianist

**Scripture Reading** 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33, Old Testament, Page 314

**Sermon** **Grief Bared!** **Kent Ingram**

**Hymn** *Precious Lord, Take my Hand*, Hymnal, Pge 474

**Benediction**

**Sending Forth** *Sent Forth By God's Blessing*, Hymnal, Page 664  
Verse 2

**Postlude** *Improvisation in A minor, op. 150, no. 7*, Camille Saint-Saëns  
Joe Galema, organist