**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF CADILLAC**

**REV. KAREN SORDEN**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 2025**

**PRELUDE**

**BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WE ENTER INTO GOD’S DIVINE PRESENCE**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (congregation in bold)**

Today is a new day with new opportunities.

**Every day opportunities are a gift given from God!**

Let us embrace what we have been given and not let it go to waste.

**May our trust in God give us the courage to be bold!**

God, join us here today.

**Cast away our fears so we can begin a new week ready to work for your glory!**

**\*OPENING HYMN UMH 64**

 **“Holy, Holy, Holy!”**

**\*UNISON OPENING PRAYER**

**God, sometimes we are weighed down with fears and worries that stifle our potential. Help us this day to trust you more and to find freedom from our fears so that we can take the next step in faith. Teach us how to grow and multiply what you’ve entrusted to us so that we might spread your goodness far and wide. Amen.**

**WE CONFESS OUR SINS TO GOD**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Again, we must confess, O God, our struggles to be faithful disciples. Entrusted with all your gifts, we become fearful once again of misusing them, missing the chance to be a blessing to others. Invited to dance in the light of your love, we stand against the wall once again, keeping company with our old friend, sin. Called to be emptied for those who struggle in life, we fill ourselves once again, with scorn for the poor choices they make. Have mercy, God, have mercy on us. Once again, open our eyes to your kingdom in our midst so we might discover that your day of hope and grace has already come in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

**A MOMENT FOR SILENT CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (congregation in bold)**

This is the good news: God intends for us to find life, to embrace hope, to receive forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Servant.

**The end of our journey is not rejection and emptiness, but the fullness of grace and hope in our God. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.**

**WE HEAR GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED**

**SPECIAL MUSIC vocalist, Sandi Phillips**

 **“He” music by Jack Richards, lyrics by Richard Mullen**

**SCRIPTURE READING**  **Matthew 25:14:30**

**SERMON**  **Pastor Karen Sorden**

 **“God Trusted Me with It”**

**WE RESPOND IN JOYFUL SERVICE**

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE UMH 581**

 **“Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”**

**MINISTRY OF PRAYER**

 **Sharing our Joys and Concerns**

 **Pastoral Prayer**

 **The 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.**

**OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS TO GOD**

 **Offertory “We Shall Behold Him” Ladies Trio**

**\*Doxology “Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow” UMH 95**

 **\*Unison Prayer of Dedication**

**Holy God, we give thanks for the ways we’re inspired by scripture to acts of care and compassion. Accept these tithes and gifts, and help us use them wisely and well, yearning to know we’re engaged in lives of “doing well” as your good and faithful servants. Amen.**

**WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

**\*CLOSING HYMN UMH 399**

 **“Take My Life, and Let It Be”**

**\*BENEDICTION (congregation in bold)**

 Let us go forth to be God's faithful servants.

 **We will not hide our gifts but share them with everyone we meet.**

Let us go forth to be the followers of Jesus.

 **We will not hold back our compassion, but will offer it to all.**

Let us go forth to be the Spirit's hope and peace.

 **We will be the grace, the joy, and the wonder others need in their lives.**

 **\*POSTLUDE**

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Thanks to *Sandi Phillips* for providing our Special Music this morning

*and*

 to our Ladies Trio for providing the special music during the offertory.

*Deb DeBruyn*

*Lark Miller*

*Sandi Phillips*

*Accompanied by Skip Pluger*

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**Matthew 25:14:30**

***Our Mission***

*To Lead Everyone in Relationship with Christ.*

***Our Vision***

*Bringing people to Christ; developing personal*

*growth in Christ; putting Christ into action.*