**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF CADILLAC**

**REV. KAREN SORDEN**

**SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2025**

**PRELUDE**

**BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

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

We look to the rulers of this earth

**for leadership, wisdom, and strength.**

We look to these bodies of ours

**for stability, fulfillment, and joy.**

We look to families and friends

**for love, compassion, and hope.**

When rulers betray, when bodies fail, when families disappoint,

**God offers another look.**

**God will guide us.**

**God’s Spirit will sustain us.**

**Christ will welcome us home.**

Come, my sisters and brothers,

**we are God’s family.**

**\*OPENING HYMN TFWS 2084**

 **“Come, Let Us with Our Lord Arise”**

**\*UNISON OPENING PRAYER**

**Spirit of God, enlighten our hearts to the reality of your divine presence in our midst. Let our worship be pleasing in your sight so that our gathering is an experience of deep communion with you and one another. In the name of Jesus Christ, this is our prayer. Amen.**

**WE CONFESS OUR SINS TO GOD**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION See Insert**

**A MOMENT FOR SILENT CONFESSION**

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

Do not lose heart! God seeks to strengthen our souls, filling us with forgiveness, wonder, and joy!

**Glory to you, God of mercy and grace. You want only the best for us and so we sing praises to you. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.**

**WE HEAR GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED**

**SPECIAL MUSIC Ladies Trio**

 **“Lovest Thou Me” by William J. Gaither**

**SCRIPTURE READING**  **Mark 3:20-35**

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

 **“Loving Family”**

 **WE RESPOND IN JOYFUL SERVICE**

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE TFWS 2222**

 **“The Servant Song”**

**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 “There’s Something About That Name” Ladies Trio**

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

 **\*Unison Prayer of Dedication**

**We thank you, O God, for bringing us into your family through Jesus’ gift of love. And for that, we owe you everything. So today, O God, with love and thanksgiving, we give to you now these offerings that they might be used for the building of your kingdom and spreading the gospel here and everywhere. Amen**

**WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

**\*CLOSING HYMN UMH 558**

 **“We Are the Church”**

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

Sisters and brothers of Christ, go into all the world!

Go forth with forgiveness and grace.

Go forth with compassion and love.

**We go as Christ’s family for all the world to see.**

 **\*POSTLUDE**

***Thanks to our Ladies Trio for providing us***

***with their special music and offertory this morning.***

***Deb DeBruyn***

***Lark Miller***

***Sandi Phillips***

***Accompanied by Skip Pluger***

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**OF CADILLAC**

** July 20, 2025**

**Mark 3:20-35**

***Our Mission***

*To Lead Everyone in Relationship with Christ.*

***Our Vision***

*Bringing people to Christ; developing personal*

*growth in Christ; putting Christ into action.*

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

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