

## ORDER OF WORSHIP - July 12, 2020

Gathering Thoughts:

*"Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach." - Matthew 13:2*

Prelude

Sharon Lehr

Call to Worship: [Psalm 119:105, 108-112]

Leader: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

**People: Accept my offerings of praise, O LORD, and teach me your ordinances.**

Leader: I hold my life in my hand continually, but I do not forget your law.

**People: The wicked have laid a snare for me, but I do not stray from your precepts.**

Leader: Your decrees are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart.

**People: I incline my heart to perform your statutes forever, to the end.**

Unison Prayer:

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

**God of the universe, we come to worship this morning, longing to set our minds on the Holy Spirit, to live with Christ within us. We have not always made room for Christ in the clutter of our lives. We have indulged our wants so often that too often the voice of the Spirit is drowned out. As we dedicate our gifts this morning, may it help us to live more in tune with the Spirit and to use our resources in a way that reflects that Christ is Lord of all our lives. In his holy name, we pray. Amen.**

Opening Hymn: "Hymn of Promise"

UM Hymnal # 707

Scripture: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Sermon: **"Following Instructions"**

Pastor Kent Jackson

Special Music: "Take Care of Me"

John Hayles

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn: "You Are the Seed"

UM Hymnal # 583

Benediction

Postlude

Sharon Lehr