



Sharing our Joy and Concerns

**SOUTH COMMUNITY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Rev. Karen Sorden

Sunday, September 8, 2024

"Do Unto Others"

Week 2: "The Polarization Within: Compassion"

Friday, September 6, 2024

Prelude

Greeting

***Bringing in the Light of Christ –
“Christ Has Broken Down the Wall”**

Peace Across The Divide (congregation in bold)

Wait.

Breathe.

Let the anxiety take a break for just a moment.

Breathe again.

We are not alone.

Christ is with us.

***Opening Hymn “Help Us Accept Each Other” pg. 560
(To the tune of “I Love to Tell the Story”)**

**Sermon “The Power of Compassion”
Matthew 9:35-38**

***Hymn Of Response “Let There Be Peace on Earth” pg. 431**

Ministry of Prayer

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

The Prayer of “the Wounded” (congregation in bold)

We pray for healing,
for ourselves and others.

We pray for belonging,
for ourselves and others.

We pray for the spiritual capacity for compassion,
for ourselves and others.

We pray for the ability to reach out beyond walls,
for ourselves and others.

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

***Doxology “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow” pg. 95**

***Unison Prayer of Dedication**

May your Spirit of generosity rest upon us, Compassionate God, so that our giving does not end here, but only begins to flow forth in a baptism of hope, of grace, of healing, and of peace to all around us, as well as those we may never meet. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

***Closing Hymn “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” pg. 557**

***Benediction “Christ Has Broken Down the Wall”**

***Postlude**

***Please stand as you are able.**

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