

**Anthon Community Methodist Church
17th Sunday after Pentecost
Lay Pastor Shirley Nelson
October 5, 2025 @ 10:00 a.m.**

Prelude and Lighting of Altar Candles

We Gather in God's Presence

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Song **“Jesus Calls Us”** **UMH #398**

Call to Worship **Liturgist: Tim Hoy**

L: Hear the news! Jesus is passing by!

P: Let us call out to him!

L: Though the crowd may say, “Be silent!” Let us not be silent. Like Bartimaeus by the roadside, let us cry out from the depths of our hearts, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us!”

P: Have mercy on us, Lord!

L: For in our spiritual blindness, we seek your healing touch. When Jesus calls, let us throw off the heavy cloaks of our attachments—our fears, our old ways of life—and rise up to meet him.

P: We rise to meet you, Lord!

L: And what do we ask of you? We ask that you restore our sight, O Lord, so that we may truly see and follow you.

P: Your faith has made us well! AMEN.

Opening Prayer

God of Hope, in a world filled with spiritual blindness, we come looking for Your guiding hand; seeking Your forgiveness; seeking Your Truth. For You are God almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You are our King. You are our Life. You are our Light. We plead with the words of the blind Bartimaeus, Lord, have mercy on us. We humbly beseech You to stop and turn to us as Jesus did on that Jericho Road. Receive our worship. Receive our praise. Receive our thanks. Restore our sight. Have mercy upon us as You heal our blindness and make us so bold that our way becomes the way of Jesus. May our worship be pleasing to Your ears, in the name of Jesus we pray, AMEN.

We Hear God's Word

First Reading

2 Timothy 1: 1-14

Psalm 137 (Reading responsively)

UMH #844

Hymn of Preparation “One Bread, One Body”

UMH #620

Gospel Lesson

Mark 10: 46-52

Today's Message

“Bartimaeus”

Kathy Hodgdon

God Calls Us to Respond

PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR AND PEOPLE (Joys and Concerns)

Hymn of Holy Communion “Come To The Table”

Erin Baird

The Great Thanksgiving Holy Communion

UMH #9

The Lord's Prayer

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology #95,

Prayer of Dedication

All: Holy Father; giver of life, nothing we give compares to what You have done for us through Jesus Christ. Receive these gifts as our worship to You for the advancement of Your Kingdom, and in turn, may You continue to bless us that we may bless others. Let our lives be a living worship service unto Your glory as we serve our neighbors in love. Through Christ Jesus our Lord we pray, AMEN.

Closing Hymn “Open My Eyes, That I may See”

UMH #454

Sending Forth with Blessing

Postlude

Ministers.....EVERYONE!

Lay Pastor.....Shirley Nelson

Liturgist.....Tim Hoy

Organist/Pianist.....Eileen Van Meeteren

IN THE CIRCLE OF OUR CONCERN:

OUR COUNTRY, OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN, our church, our community leaders, our president, our farmers, Bobby Lewis, Tom & Cindy Herrick, Ed and Carol Davis, Brad Harbaugh, Alta Patterson, Trisha Theisen, Keith Allman, Eleanore Lewis, Rick Gubbels, Lana Kropf, Tracy Lewis, Peggy Hansen, Bettina Perkins, Barb Madsen, Elwanda Sheriff, Joyce Gothier, Jeanette Kummer, Stephanie Johnson, Brittany Miller, Allison Randall, Sally Schram, Kathy Hodgdon, Chauncey Wilson, Evelyn Dicks (Becky Marshall's mother), Remember our Nursing Home Residents!

Please let us know if anyone should be added or removed from this list.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

October 19: Laity Sunday

November 2: All Saint's Day

Help Needed: We are in need of a preschool Sunday School teacher. If you would like to teach or team teach with a friend, contact Shirley or Kathy. We have several little ones who would like to come to Sunday School.

Mission Projects:

We will again be collecting clothes, especially men's clothes for the Gospel Mission this fall and coats for the Gospel Mission and the Warming Shelter. We have contacted the Warming Shelter and Gospel Mission and they are prepared to take coats and blankets and clothes as soon as we bring them, so please feel free to bring them and leave them in the foyer.

Oct. Readers: Oct. 12-Sue Wilson, Oct. 19-Laity, Oct. 26-Roger Hladik

Oct. Children's Story: N/A

Weekly Birthdays and Anniversaries: Cory Brown (8), Kai Petersen (9), Wade Nelson; Daron Petersen (16).

Sept./Oct. Upper Room Devotionals are on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

Anthon Military: To our men and women in uniform.... past, present and future, God Bless You and Thank You!

If you have a loved one connected to the service, please let us know.

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