



# The Polarization Within: COMPASSION

November 3, 2024

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## COMING TOGETHER

*...the chime is an invitation to lean, in trust, into God's presence.*

**Prelude**

**Greetings & Announcements**

**Re-Orientation & Prayer**

**HYMN** *Christ Has Broken Down the Wall* VT 174

**Peace Across the Divide & Fellowship Greeting**

***"Two Voices"***

*Leader:* Wait.

***People:* Breathe.**

*Leader:* Let the anxiety take a break for just a moment.

***People:* Breathe again.**

*Leader:* We are not alone.

***People:* Christ is with us.**

*Leader:* Let us take a deep breath together ...

*Leader:* The peace of Christ be with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

*(stand to share the peace of Christ with those around you)*

**HYMN** *Help Us To Help Each Other* VT 722

## **PROCLAIMING REALLY GOOD NEWS**

**The Jesus Tour Children's Time**

**Scripture** *Isaiah 11:6-9*

*Reader:* A word of God for our times.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

**Music for Meditation**

## **RESPONDING WITH ALTERNATIVE NARRATIVES**

**Prayer Song** *Healing River of the Spirit* VT 642

**Prayers of "the Wounded" (*with the Lord's Prayer*)**

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.**

## **RIPPLING FORTH**

**Hymn of Going into the World** *Blest Be the Tie* VT 831

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*This worship series, Do Unto Others, was created by Dr. Marcia McFee at Worship Design Studio, in collaboration with Resurrection, a United Methodist Church in Kansas City. We are using it with permission. A companion devotional booklet is available in the foyer and can be sent electronically as well.*

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If you need a hearing assist device, please ask at the sound booth in the back of the sanctuary.

The Nursery is typically staffed with a volunteer care provider during worship (and Sunday School as needed). Children are also welcome to remain in the sanctuary! Worship bags with drawing/coloring materials are provided at the back of the sanctuary.

If you'd like to be added to our all-church email list to receive prayer requests and announcements (typically 2 emails/week), please contact the church office or Pastor Tonya.

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Sound: Earl Ediger  
Livestream: Jonathan Wenger  
Ushers: Susan Combs & Joretta Martens  
Nursery: Kris & Joyce Lindenberger  
Pianist: Peggy Stucky  
Worship Leader: Stephanie Gehring  
Song Leader: Jon Miller  
Peace Across the Divide: Pastor Tonya Ramer Wenger  
Scripture Reader: Joel Iwashige  
"Two Voices": Joel and Hilda Iwashige  
Children's Time: Gardell & Peggy Stucky  
Sermon: Pastor Jim Unruh

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# Welcome!

## *We are so glad you are here!*

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*Your offerings are received, with gratitude, in the offering box on the table at the back of the sanctuary.  
You can also now donate electronically on our website.  
Thank you for your generosity shown in many ways!*

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### TODAY:

- **Fellowship** with drinks in Common Grounds Room
- **Sunday School @ 11:00am** for all ages

### LOOKING AHEAD:

- **Nov 9:** Faith & Life Bookstore Pop-Up Shop **10am-2pm**
- **Nov 10:** Mike Lamb – stewardship presentation @ 11:00am
- Nov 16: Singing Group @ Wenger's
- **Nov 17:** Mission Festival – Robert Yutzy, speaker (+ potluck!)
- **Nov 20:** We'll Leave Our Lights On – drop-off @ FMC for Food Bank between 5pm-7pm
- **Dec 8:** FMC Annual Meeting, following Sr. Youth Fundraiser Meal (Be thinking what you might contribute to the Silent Auction – and consider items for all ages including children!)

### WNAF (Wednesday Night @ First):

6:00-7:00pm dinner; 7:00-8:00pm adult program

- November 6: Maynard Knepp sharing about MCC partners
- November 13: Delon & Joretta sharing about Bolivia
- November 20: Delon & Joretta sharing about Zambia & Malawi
- ❖ **November 6, 13, 20 at 7:00pm – Children's Choir** with Peggy Stucky (Rehearsals continue on December 4, 11 & 18)
- ❖ **November 13 & 20, December 4 & 11 at 5:30pm – Adult Choir**

**Singing Group** is an informal gathering for food, fellowship and singing from our hymnal at the Wenger home. Potluck begins at 5:30pm and singing around 6:30pm. All are welcome on November 16 for food, for singing, or both!

**REJOICE!** and **Upper Room** devotional books are available above the mailboxes. You are invited to take one to give focus to your personal/family devotional times.



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