

## Order of Worship: Sunday, September 26, 2021

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**Prelude** *Seek Ye First (Incorporating Pachelbel's Canon in D)* G. Smith  
Gaye Herndon, organ

**Welcome**

**Opening Prayer**

**Creator God, you call us to hospitality;  
to give as generously to others as you have given to us.  
Loving God, you call us to give you glory  
in the compassion we show to one another.  
We gather as one Body,  
seeking to walk in the way you have set for us.  
We gather as one Body, to worship the one who is Love.**

**Opening Hymn** *Be Thou My Vision* (UMH 451)

**Affirmation of Faith** *Apostles' Creed*

**Gloria Patri**

**Prayer/Lord's Prayer**

**Anthem** *Inside Your Kingdom* (T. Bushong)  
Stephany Nystrand, soloist

**Children's Message**

**Scripture** Matthew 13:45-46

**Sermon** *What is of Greatest Worth?*

**Closing Hymn** *Seek Ye First* (UMH 405)

**Closing Prayer**

**Grant us, by your grace, the searching heart of the merchant – to seek and recognize what is of greatest worth; and then, O God, give us the courage to dedicate ourselves to living kingdom goals and values no matter the cost.**

**Postlude** *Fanfare and Trumpeting on 'Aurelia'*



# short stories by Jesus

## TYPES OF VALUES

<b>Achievement</b>	<i>"be all that you can be"</i>
<b>Benevolence</b>	<i>"blessed to be a blessing"</i>
<b>Conformity</b>	<i>"Treat others as you want to be treated"</i>
<b>Hedonism</b>	<i>"You only live once" "Eat, drink and be merry"</i>
<b>Power</b>	<i>"The one with the most toys wins"</i>
<b>Security</b>	<i>"can't we all just get along?"</i>
<b>Self-direction</b>	<i>"My life, my choice"</i>
<b>Stimulation</b>	<i>"life is an adventure, or it is nothing at all."</i>
<b>Tradition</b>	<i>"we will celebrate our heritage of music"</i>
<b>Universalism</b>	<i>"taking care of our world for our children"</i>

## SOURCES OF VALUES

<b>Authority</b>	parents; teachers; leaders
<b>Association/Relational</b>	peer; professional; media
<b>Evidence</b>	logic; fact-based
<b>Tradition</b>	societal; institutional
<b>Revelation/Inspiration</b>	intuitive

## DETERMINING YOUR VALUES

1. values word list: mark all that appeal (don't over think; don't apply 'should'; just react)
2. Refine: are there contradictory values? Are there some that are similar
3. Reduce: to 5; then to 3; then to 1

What are you willing to give up in order to live these values?  
Are these your pearl?

Acceptance	Devotion	Logic	Spirituality
Accomplishment	Discipline	Love	Spontaneous
Accountability	Effectiveness	Loyalty	Stability
Achievement	Efficiency	Mastery	Status
Adaptability	Empathy	Maturity	Stewardship
Advocacy	Endurance	Openness	Strength
Ambition	Enjoyment	Optimism	Success
Amusement	Equality	Originality	Support
Assertiveness	Ethical	Passion	Sustainability
Attentive	Excellence	Patience	Talent
Awareness	Expressive	Peace	Teamwork
Balance	Fairness	Performance	Thoughtful
Beauty	Family	Persistence	Timeliness
Boldness	Freedom	Playfulness	Tolerance
Bravery	Friendship	Power	Toughness
Brilliance	Fun	Presence	Traditional
Calm	Generosity	Productivity	Tranquility
Careful	Goodness	Prosperity	Transparency
Certainty	Grace	Purpose	Trustworthy
Challenge	Gratitude	Realistic	Truth
Cleanliness	Greatness	Reason	Understanding
Comfort	Growth	Recognition	Uniqueness
Commitment	Happiness	Recreation	Unity
Common sense	Hard work	Reflective	Victory
Community	Harmony	Respect	Vision
Compassion	Health	Responsibility	Vitality
Competence	Honesty	Restraint	Wealth
Confidence	Hope	Rigor	Welcoming
Consistency	Humility	Risk	Winning
Contentment	Humor	Satisfaction	Wisdom
Control	Independence	Security	Wonder
Conviction	Inclusion	Self-reliance	
Cooperation	Individuality	Selfless	
Courage	Innovation	Sensitivity	
Courtesy	Integrity	Serenity	
Creation	Intelligence	Service	
Creativity	Joy	Significance	
Credibility	Justice	Simplicity	
Curiosity	Kindness	Sincerity	
Dedication	Knowledge	Skillfulness	
Dependability	Leadership	Smart	
Determination	Learning	Solitude	