



**Crooks Memorial  
United Methodist Church**  
November 7, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.

Serving In Worship Today

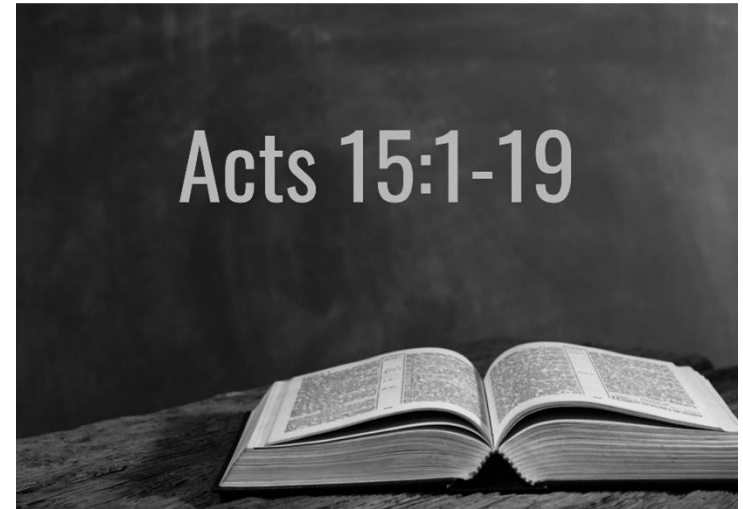
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For Announcements and News

Refer to our weekly Enews, Church Website and/or Facebook page. You can subscribe to the Enews via the Connection Card or Church Website. If you do not have email access, contact the church office to be placed on our mailing list.



**Our Mission:**

To Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the  
Transformation of the World

**Our Vision:**

Making Space for God and Others

**Our Values:**

Worship † Faith † Family † Hospitality

**Welcome to Worship**

- Cell phone and electronic devices:** Please set to silence.
- Connection Card:** Helps us know you are here and helps you engage. Please complete and place it in the offering plate.
- Hard of hearing or sight:** Large print hymnals and listening devices are available from an usher.
- We love children in worship!** Worship Bags and books are located in the narthex.
- We record worship:** As a ministry to those unable to be present, our worship service is livestreamed, recorded and posted to our website and social media sites.

Rev. Lisa Ann Barbery, Pastor  
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## Welcome

**Prelude** “*The Lord’s Prayer*”

(A. H. Malotte, arr. by J. N. Graif) Joseph N. Graif, CAGO, ChM

## Gathering Words

### Opening Prayer

Lord, the eyes of all look to You in hope; and You give them what they need. You open Your hand and satisfy the hunger and thirst of every living thing. We, too, turn to You again, longing to be filled—to eat of the Bread of Life, to drink from Your life-giving streams, to taste Your goodness and live. May the time we spend together in Your presence nourish our hearts and minds; may it strengthen our relationship with You, and renew our commitment to live in this world as Your faithful disciples. For You alone are God, the Source and Sustainer of life. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

**Hymn** “*In Unity We Lift Our Song*”

TFWS 2221

## Celebration of God’s Work In and Through our Crooks Community

### Prayers of Thanksgiving and of the People

**Scripture** Acts 15:1-19

Tom Snively

(Pew Bible N.T. 126)

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Message

Laura Whitefleet-Smith

**Hymn** “*I Come with Joy*”

UMH 617

## Our Response and Offering

### Invitation to the Table

## Prayer of Confession with Assurance

Loving God, in the week that is past we each have let go of the rope of our very good intentions, averted our eyes from the sorrow or pain of someone else, failed to renew our own physical, emotional and spiritual resources, made a decision without the guidance of prayer. We have excused these small sinnings without regard to the consequences of all our actions in the world. Forgive us and make us newly self-aware. Plant a bothersome conscience in the middle of our lives. Amen.

*PRAY IN SILENCE*

God offers forgiveness instead of excuses and, forgiven, we are strengthened to live as children of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

UMH 15

**The Lord’s Prayer**

UMH 895

### Prayer After Communion

Thank you, God, for renewing us at your table by the presence of our Christ. Thank you for your eternal love, the Bread of Live, that sustains all creation. May you continue to love us in our faithful acts and by that love discourage us from our unfaithful acts, that we might rejoice as your servants to the world. Amen.

**Hymn** “*O Church of God, United*”

UMH 547

### Benediction

**Postlude** “*Hymn to Joy!*”

(L. V. Beethoven, arr. by J. N. Graif)