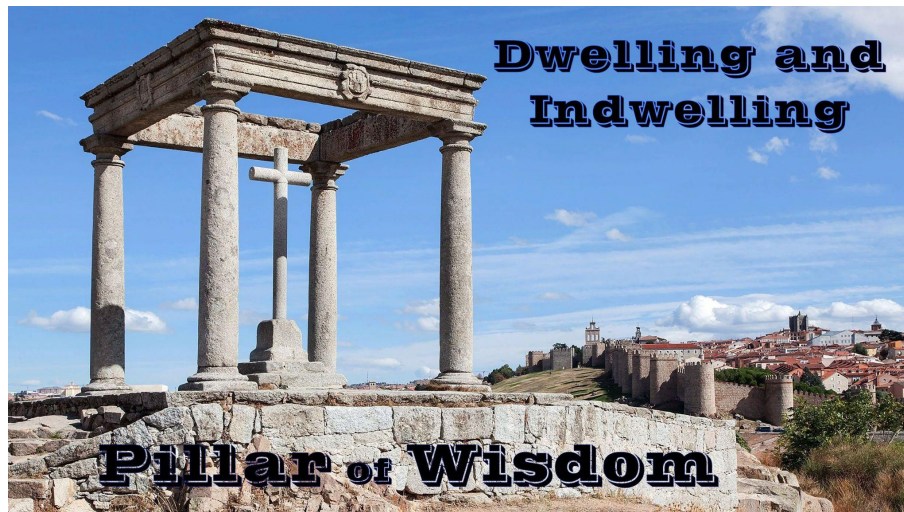


September 19, 2021 / 8:15 and 10:35 – Worship Guide  
 Co-Pastors: Rev. Ron Harris and Rev. Karla Sheffy  
*Worship Musicians:* Sue Woods, Cheryl Doty, Abby Worley  
*Ministry of Music:*



## Gathering Music

Welcome -Rev. Ron Harris *Welcome to worship this morning!*

## Prelude

### Threshold Moment: Rev. Ron Harris

*The storms of the world are like waves continually battering against us. Our homes seem to be a place of safety in such times, but even there we become aware of the need to renovate. Fix, remodel, and spruce up are the siren call of many shows that lift the renovation of our houses as the answer to our anxieties. Our homes are a metaphor for our hearts and lives and sometimes a box of hammers, nails, paints, and brushes only serve to cover over our troubles. Jesus Christ comes to us with an invitation to renovate our house, our heart, our life. God's love has been in this house from the very beginning and Christ comes not to tear us down, but to build us upon that love. This is the day that Christ has come to dwell and indwell in us with fresh life!*

## Opening Hymn

“Welcome”

W&S 3152 v. 1

“Come, Emmanuel”

W&S 3130

## 3rd and 6th Grade Bible Presentation (10:35 only)

“Thy Word Is a Lamp Unto My Feet”

UMH 601 refrain 2X

### *Congregation to Children:*

We rejoice in this step in your journey with God.

We pray God will guide you, your family, and us  
 as you use this Holy Bible in your home,

in your church school classes, and in our worship.

We will learn together and grow in our love for God's Word.

“Thy Word Is a Lamp Unto My Feet”

UMH 601

Pastoral Prayer / Lord's Prayer: Rev. Ron Harris

## Special Music:

**Scripture Reading 1 King 3: 5, 7-12, 15**

*5 At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." 7 And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. 8 And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. 9 Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"*

*10 It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. 11 God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, 12 I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you." 15 Then Solomon awoke; it had been a dream.*

**Hymn** "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" **UMH 133**

**Sermon** "Dwelling and Indwelling: Wisdom"

**Responding in Gratitude for God's Gifts with our Offerings – Rev. Ron Harris**

**Invitation**

\* **The Doxology** - "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH #94


\***Prayer of Thanksgiving - Rev. Ron Harris**

**Hymn** "Where Charity and Love Prevail" **UMH 549 vs. 1-2, 4-5**

**Sharing Opportunities for Ministry - Rev. Ron Harris**

**Benediction -**

Invitation of the Rock

**Postlude**  *Announcement slides*

**Sue Woods**