

Prelude ~

Welcome & Announcements

Worship Leader:

Lynette Saltzman

**(Please stand as you are able)*

Christ's Light Enters

***Call to Worship**

In truth and love, God has called us into this house of worship. God has said to us,

“You are my people, I am your God.”

Not once, but again and again the Word is spoken, and there is rejoicing over all the earth. The words ring out with a glad cry:

“You are my people, I am your God. You are my people, close to my heart.”

With awe and wonder, in the spirit of grace we lift our voices to the God of creation, who redeems us and keeps us by the power of grace which comes from the God we worship this day. *(alludes to Jeremiah 31:33)*

***Opening Hymn**

“Gather Us In” #2236

Opening Prayer

God of grace and glory, make your presence known to us as we worship this morning. Jesus our Christ, may your name be praised from the rising of the sun to the midnight hour; may your name always be honored among us. Spirit of Holiness, breathe on us all and bind us in Christian love and servanthood. O God, Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit, be known to us today. Transform our lives and our community into the image of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

The Psalm

Psalm 121 #844

Liturgist: Cindy Kocher

Response to the Psalm

“On Eagle’s Wings” #143

Solo

“The Road Home” Hannah Draper Burnett

Children’s Moment

Pam Campbell

Gospel Reading

Luke 6:27-30

Sermon

“Love Your Enemies

Part 5: Radical Sayings of Jesus **Pastor Melanie Adams**

Time of Prayer

(Where have you seen God’s presence? What joys and concerns are in your hearts and minds?)

Lord’s Prayer #895

Offertory

***The Doxology** “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow” #94

***Offertory Prayer [Unison]**

Generous God, you call each of us to greater generosity of all that we have and all that we are. In response to your great love in Jesus Christ, whom we can never repay, we offer these gifts, so that others may come to know that your love is real and that it is for them, too. Amen.

***Closing Hymn**

“Freely, Freely” #389

Our Purpose

What is our purpose?

We come to experience Christ's love, and work together to live it out!

Benediction

Benediction Response

“Let There Be Peace on Earth” #431

Postlude ~

Taking the 740 Prayer Initiative a Step Further

Please continue to pray for our church each day at 7:40 am or pm. Set your phone alarm to remind you! If you need a copy of the short 740 guide, there are extras in the ladder style organizer outside the sanctuary.

*“Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us.”
(Ephesians 3:20)*

This week let us focus on listening for the Holy Spirit’s still small voice guiding us in creative and effective ways to reach others with the transforming love of Christ. Let us also remember to give God thanks for our congregation and the work we are given to do in God’s name.

PRAYERS

Please see the Prayer Board outside the office for ongoing prayer requests.

Pray for our congregation: For the ministry of making, nurturing, and sending out of disciples; because we believe that God's Love is the answer for the most difficult questions of our world today.

Jesus changes lives!

Pray for RAIN!!!!

Thoughts to Ponder

Are there people in the world who you consider to be your enemy? If so, why? What makes this person or group of people your enemy? Is there a chance for reconciliation to happen between you and an enemy? Can you truly "love your enemies" (see them with hearts at peace) as Jesus told us

to do?

If you are interested in baptism and/or church membership, please call the office to make an appointment to talk with Pastor Melanie.

Events this week in church:

Sunday, July 15th

9:30 am Sunday school

10:30 am Worship Service

11:30 am Potluck

Monday, July 16th

5:30 pm ADCO

Wednesday, July 18th

10:15 am Commodities

Sunday, July 22nd

9:30 am Sunday school

10:30 am Worship Service

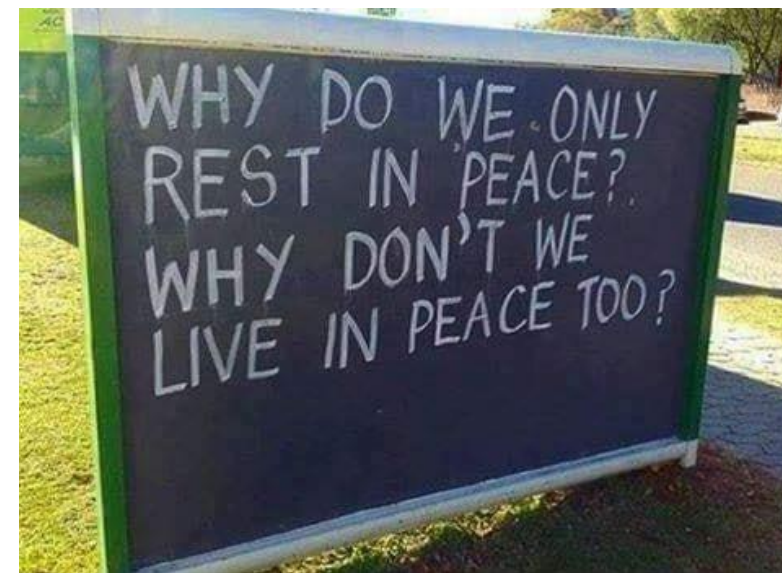
11:30 am Fellowship



2018 Vacation Bible School

July 30th– August 1st.

See bulletin board or email for more details!!



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Rev. Melanie Adams, Pastor



Sunday, July 15th immediately following Worship.

Bring a dish to share, table service and your appetite.

The Choir is hosting this Potluck as a Farewell luncheon for Tony and Hannah Burnett.