

Prelude ~

Welcome & Announcements

Worship Leader: Angie Gabel-McConkey

**(Please stand as you are able)*

Christ's Light Enters

***Call to Worship**

We come to this place because somewhere in our lives, faintly or distinctly, we have heard God call to us.

We come – some sleepily, some alert, some tired, some energized – to share in God's presence.

We come to give thanks that we are God's people.

We come to learn better what God's call upon us means. Let us worship God: our Creator, our Redeemer, and our Sustainer!

***Opening Hymn** "From All That Dwell Below the Skies" #101

Opening Prayer

O Gracious and holy God, give us diligence to seek you, wisdom to perceive you, and patience to wait for you. Grant us, O God, a mind to meditate on you, eyes to behold you, ears to listen for your Word, a heart to love you, and a life to proclaim you, through the power of the spirit of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(attrib. Benedict of Nurnia, 6th Century)

The Psalm Psalm 27 #758

Liturgist: Christy Hasch

Children's Moment Cindy Kocher

Gospel Reading Mark 8:34-38

Sermon "Deny Yourself and Follow Me"

Part 3: Radical Sayings of Jesus **Pastor Melanie Adams**

Prayer Song "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" #2158 vs. 1 & 2

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]**

Loving God, we seek to do everything in the name of Jesus. We desire to live in compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. As we place an offering on your altar, we believe that we are moving closer to this desire. Help us live our lives with your peace ruling our hearts. We are so thankful! In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***Closing Hymn** "How Firm a Foundation" #529 vs. 1,2,3

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 asking God to remove any limitations that keep us from moving forward in our mission to share God's love, making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. 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!

Family of Jay McKenna

David Edwards & Family

Family of Dorene Van Fleet

(sister of Lucille Blecha)

Thoughts to Ponder

What is the difference between meaningful suffering and senseless suffering?

Why would anyone choose a way that leads to suffering?

What are the rewards of following Christ?

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 8th

- 9:30 am Sunday school
- 10:30 am Worship Service
- 11:30 am Fellowship
- 11:45 am Discipleship

Monday, July 9th

- 7:00 pm Finance

Tuesday, July 10th

- 7:00 pm Trustees

Sunday, July 15th

- 9:30 am Sunday school
- 10:30 am Worship Service
- 11:30 am Potluck



2018 Vacation Bible School

July 30th– August 1st.

See bulletin board or email for more details!!



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.



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