

Prelude ~

Welcome & Announcements

Worship Leader:

Allison Poore

Christ's Light Enters

**(Please stand as you are able)*

***Call to Worship**

Have you ever felt abandoned by God?

Yes, oh, yes.

But God says, "I will never forget you!"

How can this be so?

God says, "I have written your name on the palms of my hands."

The God who created us, sustains and re-creates us, remembers and calls us.

We come, remembering and worshiping God who cares for us.

(paraphrases Isaiah 49:15-16)

***Opening Hymn**

"How Can We Name a Love" #111

Opening Prayer

God of this day and every day, we praise you with joy! You take our weary lives and refresh us with your spirit. Our lives so often seem broken and filled with despair. Heal us this day, God, and make us new. Amen.

The Psalm

Psalm 121

#844

Liturgist: Marge Cruzen

Response: The Word of God for the People of God

All: Thanks Be to God, Amen

Making Our Own Special Music

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

#2158

Children's Moment

[After Children's Moment, children may go to the nursery or return to their parents.]

Loren Swenson

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-27

Sermon

"I Can Work With That" **Pastor Melanie Adams**

Response

"He Who Began a Good Work" #2163

Time of Prayer

(Where have you seen God's presence? What joys and concerns are in your hearts and minds?) Silent Prayer, Reflective Prayer, and the Lord's Prayer #895

Offertory

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

***Offertory Prayer [Unison]**

God, who works in us and through us, we respond to you with joy as we lift up our gifts. The opportunity to share is a blessing for which we are very thankful. Your generous provision for our needs prompts us to be generous in return. Accomplish your purposes, we pray, through these gifts and in our lives. Amen.

***Closing Hymn**

"O Spirit of the Living God" #539 vs. 1,3,4

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) May this be our prayer!

This week you may want to lift up the events on our church calendar in the next month: Our new "Sittin' with Jesus" devotional and prayer time on Wednesday evenings; the work of the various committees and teams; Our Praise on the Plaza worship on Sept. 9th; Table Talk, which starts up again on Sept. 12th.

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!

Steve Corp

Carol Fellhour

Family of Linda Haist

Nita Lambert

Claudia Ukens

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

Thoughts to Ponder

"I can work with that!" - God
Are there things in your life that seem to be barriers to doing something God is calling you to do? Life situations? Physical issues? Emotions? How might God use the barriers in your life to work something amazing?

Events this week in church:

Sunday, August 26th

9:30 am Sunday school
10:30 am Worship Service
11:30 am Fellowship

Tuesday, August 28th

7:00 pm SPPRC

Wednesday, August 29th

7:00 pm "Sittin' with Jesus"

Sunday, September 2nd

9:30 am Sunday school
10:30 am Worship Service
11:30 am Fellowship

We are looking for teachers and helpers for our Wednesday evening Table Talk classes (K-6 grades) beginning Sept. 12. You would not have to teach every week. Please contact the church office or Cindy Kocher if you'd like to help raise up little disciples of Jesus!

Teachers wanted!



Mark your Calendars:

Our Orphan Train Statue is here and will be unveiled on September 6th @ 5:15 pm. Make plans to attend, help us unveil this adorable statue and stay for refreshments.



Praise 
On The Plaza
Sunday, September 9th

Broadway Plaza (corner of 6th and Broadway)

9:30 am Worship

Brunch and Yard Games following Worship

It's BRING A FRIEND TO CHURCH SUNDAY!!!

Bring your lawn chair, a friend or 3, table service and something to share for Brunch.

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