

Prelude ~

Welcome & Announcements

Worship Leader:

Dan Gerber

Christ's Light Enters

**(Please stand as you are able)*

***Call to Worship**

This world is God's.

And all that is in it!

Praise God, who creates, redeems and sustains!

Praise God! We will sing our praises with our whole heart!

(in part, paraphrases PS 24, vs 1)

***Opening Hymn**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” vs. 1,2 #140

(Theme song for our sermon series)

Opening Prayer

Ever loving and faithful God, we come seeking your presence. We long to feel your embrace; we lean in to hear your wisdom; and we want to respond with our whole hearts. May the words we speak and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O God, our Rock and Redeemer. Amen.

The Psalm

Psalm 24 #755

Liturgist: Dr. Paul Nelson

Response: The Word of God for the People of God

All: Thanks Be to God, Amen

Children's Moment

Pam Campbell

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

Gospel Reading

Matthew 6:19-24

Sermon “A Balanced Budget”

Pastor Melanie Adams

Sermon 2: Financial Health for the Christ Follower

Sharing of Prayers: Celebrations and Concerns

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

Prayer Song

“His Eye is On the Sparrow” vs. 1,2 #2146

Silent Meditation & Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer #895

Offertory

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

***Offertory Prayer [Unison]**

Accept this offering, O God, as a token of our earnest desire to be responsible stewards, an expression of our love for you, and a sign of our willingness to be of even greater service in the future; in Jesus' name. Amen.

***Closing Hymn**

“Stand By Me” vs. 1-3 #512

Our Purpose

What is our purpose? **To provide a place for all to BELONG to our community, BELIEVE in and experience the transforming love of Jesus Christ, and BECOME his disciples. BELONG! BELIEVE! BECOME!**

Benediction

Benediction Response

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” chorus only

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!

Additional prayer suggestions: Please ask God to break through our financial limitations so that we can continue to be effective witnesses to the love of Christ. Ask God to open our hearts and to create a spirit of generosity and grace. Give God thanks for the many ways we are seeing the Holy Spirit working in us, through us, and among us!

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!

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

"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it."

- PS 24:1

How good are you at budgeting your spending? What does your spending say about what you value? Do you need to take steps to balance your budget? If so what steps will you take?

Events this week in church:

Sunday, September 30th

8:45 am AED Training
9:30 am AED Training
9:30 am Sunday school
10:30 am Worship Service
11:30 am Fellowship

Monday, October 1st

5:00-8:00 pm

Crunch for A Cause @ Taco John's (IMPACT fundraiser)

Tuesday, October 2nd

7:00 pm Trustees

Wednesday, October 3rd

5:15 pm Sittin' with Jesus
5:45 pm Table Talk Meal
6:30 pm Table Talk Classes

Thursday, October 4th

9:30 am Morning Cluster

Sunday, October 7th

9:30 am Sunday school
10:30 am Worship Service
11:30 am Potato Bar Lunch



Let Taco John's Do the Cookin'

Dine in, Drive-thru, or Carry Out

Mon., October 1st

5:00 - 8:00 pm

Sponsored by the
IMPACT Youth group
1st United Methodist
Church

Taco John's will donate a portion of the sales to
IMPACT Youth.

(Raising money for a Mission Trip to Green Bay, WI June 2019!)

Super Spud Sunday

Sunday, October 7th

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Join us for a baked potato bar and help us raise funds for our Boiler Campaign.

Hosted by: Hospitality Team

Free Will Donation Appreciated

a Place for You

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