

Prelude ~

Welcome & Announcements

Worship Leader: Jason Johnson

Christ's Light Enters **(Please stand as you are able)*

***Call to Worship**

God has given us this day for praise!

Praise be to God for this most generous gift!

God has sent his Son to us that we might learn ways of peace and mercy,

Let the words of Jesus enter our hearts and transform our lives!

Come, let us worship our God of abundant mercy and love!

Let our songs, our words, and our thoughts reflect God's healing and restoring love.

***Opening Hymn** "For the Beauty of the Earth" vs. 1,2,4,6 #92

Opening Prayer

God of mercy and abundant love, we have gathered here this day to hear your healing words of compassion and to be transformed by your love. Help us to become more faithful servants in our thoughts, words, and deeds. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

The Psalm Psalm 96 #815 Liturgist: Andrea Johnson

Response: The Word of God for the People of God

All: Thanks Be to God, Amen

Stewardship Moment Lyle Pounds

Children's Moment Pastor Melanie

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

Scripture Reading Isaiah 58:1-10

Sermon "Spending with a Conscience" Pastor Melanie Adams

Sermon 3: 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?)

Silent Meditation & Pastoral Prayer **Lord's Prayer** #895

Offertory

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

***Offertory Prayer [Unison]**

Merciful God, there is need in the world. But there is also generosity and goodness. Guide us as we use these offerings and our gifts to build your realm of peace and justice. May we grow in generosity. May we grow ever closer to you. Amen.

Holy Communion *(As people come forward for communion we will sing "One Bread, One Body" #620.)*

***Closing Hymn** "Jesu, Jesu" vs. 1-3 #432

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

What is one change you can commit to making that would improve the moral impact of your purchasing?

Events this week in church:

Sunday, October 7th

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

Monday, October 8th

7:00 pm Finance

Wednesday, October 10th

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

Friday, October 12th

6:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, October 13th

4:00 pm Wedding

Sunday, October 14th

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



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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