

Prelude ~ Pam Campbell

Welcome & Announcements

Worship Leader: Angie Gable-McConkey

Christ's Light Enters

**(Please stand as you are able)*

***Call to Worship**

With all that is within us, let us bless God,

Who forgives all our sins, who heals all our diseases,

Who lifts us up from rock bottom, who crowns us with steadfast love
and mercy.

**With all that is within us, let us give praise and thanks to God,
who creates, redeems, and sustains us.** (based on Psalm 103)

***Opening Song** "Marching to Zion" verses 1,2,4 #733

Opening Prayer

**God of this new week, 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. In Christ we pray. Amen.**

The Psalm Psalm 23 (responsively) #137
Liturgist: Nathan Brown

Children's Message

Jean Wilcox

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

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 15:54-55

Sermon "I'm Not Ready to Die" **Pastor Melanie Adams**
Part 12 of Series: With Courage and Hope

Response "Be Thou My Vision" verses 1,2 #451

Sharing of Prayers: Celebrations and Concerns

Silent Meditation and Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer #895

The Offering

The Doxology #95

***Offertory Prayer [Unison]**

**O Holy One, we make our offerings at this time both in gratitude
and in seeking, in both remembering and hoping, in both fear
and faith. Regardless of what is going on in our lives right now,
receive these gifts as our way of praising you. Amen.**

***Closing Song** "Hymn of Promise" #707

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 "Let There Be Peace on Earth" #431

Postlude

God Welcomes All and So Do We!!!!!!

UPDATED 740 Prayer Initiative

*(Thank you for stepping up your
prayers for our congregation! Set
your phones to remind yourself to stop
at 7:40 am and/or 7:40 pm each day
to pray for our church and the mission
and ministry we are called to do.
Where did we come up with the
number 740? It is our street address
number. If you can't pray at 7:40,
choose another time. The important
thing is that we are praying!)*

Scriptures for prayer: "So let us not
grow weary in doing what is right, for
we will reap at harvest-time, if we do
not give up" Galatians 6:9.

"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.

Please pray that God continues to
work in our hearts and through the
work of our hands so that others may
also come to experience Christ's love.
Pray that God would lead us and
equip us for the living out of our
purpose (what we repeat at the end of
each service). And pray that God help
each of us to be a follower of Christ
committed to living a life of worship
& hospitality, a life of opening our
heart to the Holy Spirit, and a life of
service & generosity. Pray for those
who are seated around you in
worship, whether you know them by
name or not. Remember to lift up the
need of our community and world.
Pray the news: as you listen to the
news of each day pray about each
situation.

Give thanks to God! "Rejoice
always, pray without ceasing, give
thanks in all circumstances; for this is
the will of God in Christ Jesus for
you" 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18

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 Jack Bray

Tim Holt

Dewayne Kasl Family

Andy Lambert

Richard Swenson

Thoughts to Ponder

Our opening hymn today is "Marching to Zion." The name/word, Zion, has several meanings but the two that apply best to this hymn are: 1.) a hill in Jerusalem, on which the Temple was built (used to symbolize the city itself, especially as a religious or spiritual center), and 2.) heaven as the final gathering place of true believers.

What brings you the most peace as you contemplate your own death one day? What purpose to you believe God has for you in THIS life until that day?

Events this week in church:

Sunday, March 31st:

- 9:00 am Chapel Communion
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Worship Service
- 11:30 am Fellowship

Tuesday, April 2nd:

- 7:00 pm Trustees

Wednesday, April 3rd:

- 5:00 pm Sittin' With Jesus
- 5:30 pm Choir Practice
- 5:45 pm Table Talk Meal
- 6:30 pm Table Talk Classes

Thursday, April 4th:

- 9:30 am Morning Cluster

Sunday, April 7th:

- 9:00 am Chapel Communion
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Worship Service
- 11:30 am Fellowship



The reusable grocery bags provided by Healthy Congregations Team provide a great way to save the environment AND advertise our church!

Bags are located in the church foyer near the coat racks.

Annual Chicken & Noodle Dinner

Sunday, April 7th

11:30 am - 1:00 pm



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