Events this Week: Sunday, August 27, 2023

9:30am Crusaders 9:30am Searchers 10:30am Worship Services 11:30 Meeting for Church on the Plaza

Monday, August 26, 5:00pm Girl Scouts Meeting

Wednesday, August 30, 2023 5:00pm Sitting with Jesus

Thursday, August 31, 2023 10:00am Coffee Office at Jitters with Pastor Mark 5:00pm - 7:00pm Flock the Block

Sunday, September 3, 2023

9:30am Crusaders 9:30am Searchers 10:30am Worship Services (Communion)

Upcoming Events September 4, 2023 Labor Day Office Closed

Sunday, September 10, 2023 Church on the Plaza

Wednesday, September 13, 2023 Table Talk Begins

Saturday, September 23, 2023 Fall Fest

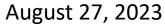














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Do No Harm ~ Do Good ~ Stay in Love With God.

John Wesley

The Community Gathers

PRELUDE & BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Christy Hasch

(*Please stand as you are able)

*PASSING THE PEACE

*OPENING HYMN

All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Family of God, as we gather today, Jesus asks us, "Who do you say that I am?"

PEOPLE: You are our Messiah, the Son of the living God!

LEADER: Family of God, as we gather today, the Holy Spirit asks us, "Who do you say that I

am?"

PEOPLE: You are our Comforter, Advocate, and Sustainer!

LEADER: Family of God, as we gather today, God the Father asks us, "Who do you say that I am?"

PEOPLE: You are our Creator, Provider, and Healer!

LEADER: Family of God, as we gather today, the Triune God asks us, "Who do you say that I am?"

PEOPLE: You are Love that creates, saves, and enfolds us into the family of God! May we be instruments of Love in all that we are and all that we do. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

#175 Vs. 1,2

OPENING PRAYER

God of mystery and of judgment, who has made us to be salt and light in a tasteless, shadowed world, guide us in this time of worship. Grant us understanding and spiritual discernment so that others may see your good works through us, give you the glory, and be moved to serve you. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS GOD SIGHTINGS

PRAYER SONG As a Fire is Meant for Burning

#2237

PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE SENTENCE

"Our help is in the name of the LORD the maker of heaven and earth." ~ Psalm 124:8

TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow #9

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Loving and generous God: As we offer our gifts this day, we confess that when confronted with Jesus' question, "Who do you say that I am?" our answer is ambivalent at best. Even when we get the word right, we know our lives give a different answer. We turn away from the suffering and oppression of your children. We accumulate wealth and prestige and ignore the poor and powerless. You give and hold nothing back, and we give from our excess and resent being asked to do more. Help us to respond with the answer that comes from the center of our being and that is demonstrated in our living. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

Hearing and Responding to the Word

SCRIPTURE LESSON Romans 12:1-8

HYMN Tell Me the Stories of Jesus #277

CHILDRENS MESSAGE Mary Lisa Thoman

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 16:13-20

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON "You are Peter" Pastor Mark Crist

Thanksgiving

PRAYER

Apostle's Creed

Going into the World to Serve

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!

*SENDING SONG Forward Through the Ages #555

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE God Be With You #672

Taking the Light of Christ into the World

*POSTLUDE

