

The Community Gathers

PRELUDE & BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Amanda Morgan

(*Please stand as you are able)

*PASSING THE PEACE

*OPENING HYMN Here, O My Lord, I See Thee #623 Vs.1,2,3

*CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Some of us come today weary and hungry, while others come rested and content. May we all be ready to wrestle with the questions that keep us up at night.

PEOPLE: **Come, let us worship God together!**

LEADER: Together, we notice the fatigue we carry, the exhaustion that comes from our hunger for care and connection with one another and with God. Yet, when God says to feed one another, we answer,

PEOPLE: **We have nothing but...**

LEADER: Together, we feel the unrest and turmoil of the unknown, unsure what we are fighting for. Yet, when God tells us to start by loving God and our neighbors, we answer,

PEOPLE: **We have nothing but...**

LEADER: Together, then, let's wrestle with our hungers that we may be transformed into people who seek and find God all around us, so that when God calls us to feed the hungry and struggle for those in need of help, we answer,

PEOPLE: **In you, we have everything. Use us as you will.**

SONG OF PRAISE Fill My Cup #641 (2 Times)

OPENING PRAYER

You call us into a whole-hearted relationship with You, O God, asking us to leave behind all we possess and live out our faith with passion and integrity. We thank You for the deep love You have shown toward us. Forgive us when we take our relationship with You for granted, when we let the fire of our early commitment cool and allow other things to take priority in our lives. We pray for strength to hold on to You no matter what. Give us courage to wrestle honestly with things we don't understand; and to continually work out our salvation. As your people, may we be determined to be faithful to You. We are Your people, chosen by You. Grant us Your continued blessing and mark us with Your love, as we seek to live as Your disciples in the world. In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

JOYS, CONCERNS AND GOD SIGHTINGS

PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER SONG Sweet Hour of Prayer #496

HOLY COMMUNION #12

SCRIPTURE SENTENCE "I've seen God face to face and my life has been saved."
~Genesis 32:30b

TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY #94

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

As we bring our tithes and offerings to be dedicated to the building of your kingdom here on earth, we are reminded of all the blessings you've given us, O God. As we hear again the story feeding the thousands who were hungry, remind us that the best blessings come when we work hard for justice, compassion, and mercy for all your children. Steer us away from being content with the blessings that require little effort. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Hearing and Responding to the Word Genesis 32::22-31

HYMN Tell Me the Stories of Jesus #277 Vs. 1,2

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 14:13-21

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON "The Deserted Place" Pastor Mark Crist
Thanksgiving

PRAYER

OUR PURPOSE Going into the World to Serve
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 All Who Hunger #2126

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE God Be With you Till We Meet Again #672
Taking the Light of Christ into the World

*POSTLUDE

Events this Week:
Sunday, August 6, 2023
 9:30am Crusaders
 9:30am Searchers
 10:30am Worship Services

Wednesday, August 9, 2023
 5:00pm Sitting With Jesus

Friday, August 11, 2023
 Impact return from Colorado Mission Trip

Sunday, August 13, 2023
 9:30am Crusaders
 9:30am Searchers
 10:30am Worship Services
 Blessing of the Backpacks

Upcoming Events
Wednesday, August 23, 2023
 5pm-7pm
 Cruise-In Ice Cream Social

Sunday, September 10, 2023
 Church on the Plaza

Wednesday, September 13, 2023
 Table Talk Begins

Saturday, September 23, 2023
 Fall Fest

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS
SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2023
DURING WORSHIP SERVICE

All We need is:
 A Cup of
 A Few
 And a
 Full of Jesus!

LADIES COFFEE JITTERS
9:00AM.
AUGUST 19, 2023
ALL LADIES OF THE CHURCH ARE WELCOME!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

6~Alberta Neel
 7~Liz Steinle
 9~Debbie Krohn
 9~Amanda Morgan
 12~Haylee Terrill
 12~Jason Johnson

Prayer Requests

AMANDA WATERMAN
 TERESA BENSON
 LAURA CHRISTENSEN
 TRISH & DAN WATERMAN

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