



## The Community Gathers

PRELUDE, CHIMES AND BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Beth Whisler

PASSING THE PEACE

OPENING HYMN

Behold a Broken World

#426

(Sung to: O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing)

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Come! Now is the time to worship!

**PEOPLE: We come to worship God who provides!**

LEADER: When the Israelites wandered in the wilderness, God provided manna and quail.

**PEOPLE: God provides in unexpected ways.**

LEADER: Jesus tells a story of vineyard workers, some who work all day and some who work mere hours, yet the generous landowner paid all of them equally.

**PEOPLE: God provides in unexpected ways.**

LEADER: God does provide in unexpected ways, yet manna, quail, and grapes need gathering and harvesting.

**PEOPLE: We respond to God's provision by gathering and harvesting all that God provides.**

SONG OF PRAISE

Wounded World that Cries for Healing

#2177

OPENING PRAYER

**God of grace, mercy and love: We need an accounting for how our lives have been lived for you. In Jesus, you gave humankind an accounting. Just as the earliest stories in scripture tell of how Eve and Adam hid after eating the forbidden fruit, we now have the hard work of determining whether we are more like those first ancestors or if we are like your son. Jesus says the first will be last and the last will be first. So, we do not try and rank ourselves higher than any of your children, we pray for the strength to be more like Jesus than more the fruit of our hidden ways. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

JOYS, CONCERNS AND GOD SIGHTINGS

PRAYER

Choir Anthem:

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Renata Knox, Director



## Thanksgiving

SCRIPTURE SENTENCE "… live together in a manner worthy of Christ's gospel." ~ **Philippians 1:27**

TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

DOXOLOGY

#94

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**God of endless patience, we know that the sound of our complaining is not the music that pleases your ears. We complain about the food that is under or overcooked, and you hear the stomachs that have no food. We whine about the bed being too soft, and you see instead those whose bed is the sidewalk or the floor of a cell. May the offering we bring today be an act of praise that drowns out the noise of our complaining. May it find its way to bring comfort to your children who have little or nothing; and when that happens, may it be joy for your eyes and ears. In Christ, we pray. Amen.**

### Hearing and Responding to the Word

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 16:3-25

HYMN

Seek Ye First

#405

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Cindy Kocher

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 20:1-16

AFFIRMATION

The word of God for the people of God

**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

"The Undiscovered Country"

Pastor Mark Crist

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

### Going into the World to Serve

SENDING SONG

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

#731

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

The Lord Bless and Keep You

#2280

POSTLUDE AND TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

**Events this Week:**

**Sunday, September 24, 2023**

9:30am Crusaders

9:30am Searchers

10:30am Worship

5:30pm Yoga in the Choir Room

6:30pm Emotionally Healthy Spirituality Class

**Monday, September 25, 2023**

5:30pm Blessing of the Animals at Broadway Plaza

**Wednesday, September 27, 2023**

5:00pm Sitting with Jesus

5:30pm Choir Practice

6:00pm Table Talk Meal

6:30pm Classes begin

**Thursday, September 28, 2023**

5:00pm Girl Scouts Meeting

**Sunday, October 1, 2023**

9:30am Crusaders

9:30am Searchers

10:30am Worship

5:30pm Yoga in Choir Room

6:30pm Emotionally Healthy Spirituality Class

**Upcoming Events**

**October 8, 2023**

Potluck after Worship

**October 15, 2023**

3:30pm Meet at church

Hayrack ride at

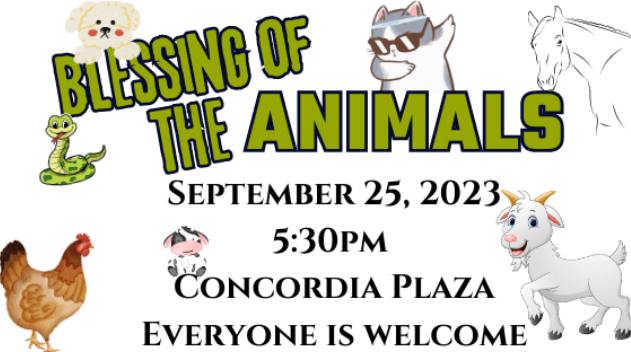
Loren & Joyce Swenson's




26~Amanda Waterman  
26~Madelyn Stiles  
27~Michelle Johnson  
29~Kale Pearson  
29~Brandon Ruud



AMANDA WATERMAN  
LAURA CHRISTENSEN  
TRISH & DAN WATERMAN  
GWYDOTTA UKENS  
HARLEY & DARLA ADAMS  
SHEILA FLESHER



**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**  
SEPTEMBER 25, 2023  
5:30PM  
CONCORDIA PLAZA  
EVERYONE IS WELCOME



**YOGA CLASSES FOR ALL AGES!**  
In the Choir Room  
5:30pm  
every Sunday evening  
All are Welcome! Contact Angie Gabel McConkey or Mary Thoman for more details!



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