

The Community Gathers

PRELUDE, CHIMES & BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Cindy Kocher

(*Please stand as you are able)

*PASSING THE PEACE

*OPENING HYMN "Be Thou My Vision" #451

*CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Followers of Christ, God calls us just as we are to live as truth-tellers and gospel-bringers in the world.

PEOPLE: God, we know you call us, and still, we ask, "Who am I that you would call me?"

LEADER: Like Peter who thought he got it right only to realize that who Jesus is doesn't meet his expectations of who a Savior should be, we ask,

PEOPLE: "Who am I that you would call me?"

LEADER: As we raise this question to God today, we open our hearts to receive God's answer:

PEOPLE: You are my beloved children. You are my disciples. You are my people called to share the love of God for the transformation of the world. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE "Where He Leads Me" #338 Vs. 1, 4

OPENING PRAYER

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

LABOR DAY RECOGNITION

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER SONG "Deep in the Shadows of the Past" #2246

HOLY COMMUNION #12

SCRIPTURE SENTENCE

"Give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make his deeds known to all people!"

~Psalm105:1

TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY

#94

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of power and might: We, like Peter, struggle with the image of a savior sent to suffer and die. We may seem to be doing great in following Christ, but we too stumble at this point. Perhaps we stumble because we know that what follows is Christ's call to us to deny ourselves and pick up a cross of our own in order to follow. As we bring gifts for the work of building your kingdom, help us to learn to deny, carry, and follow. In Christ's holy name, we pray. Amen.

Hearing and Responding to the Word

SCRIPTURE LESSON Exodus 3:1-15

HYMN "Seek Ye First" #405

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 16:21-28

AFFIRMATION

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Reorienting from Disorientation" 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 Here I Am, Lord #593

Taking the Light of Christ into the World

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE "The Lord Bless and Keep You" #2280

*POSTLUDE

Events this Week:
Sunday, September 3, 2023
9:30am Crusaders
9:30am Searchers
10:30am Worship Services

Monday, September 3, 2023
Office Close
Labor Day
5:00pm Girl Scouts Meeting

Wednesday, September 6, 2023
5:00pm Sitting with Jesus
5:30pm Choir Practice

Thursday, September 7, 2023
10:00am Coffee Office
at Jitters with Pastor Mark

Saturday, September 9, 2023
Girl Scouts Garage Sale

Sunday, September 10, 2023
Church on the Plaza
9:30am Brunch
10:00am Worship
Activities for all after Worship

5:30pm Yoga in Choir Room
6:30pm Emotionally Healthy
Spirituality Class

Upcoming Events
Wednesday, September 13, 2023
Table Talk Begins

Saturday, September 23, 2023
Fall Fest

Prayer Requests

AMANDA WATERMAN
LAURA CHRISTENSEN
TRISH & DAN WATERMAN
GWYDOTTA UKENS
HARLEY & DARLA ADAMS
FAMILY OF NICHOLETTE MCKENNA

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

3~Emma Waterman
3~David Lahodny
8~Joan Lawton

CHURCH ON THE PLAZA
SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

9:30AM~BRUNCH
10:00AM~WORSHIP
11:00AM~FUN AND
GAMES FOR ALL AGES

YOGA CLASSES
FOR ALL AGES!

Starting on
September 10, 2023
In the Choir Room

at 5:30pm every Sunday evening.
All are Welcome! Contact Angie Gabel McConkey
or Mary Thoman for more details!

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Friday
Closed

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