

### The Community Gathers

PRELUDE, CHIMES AND BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Pam Campbell

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christy Hasch

\*PASSING THE PEACE

\*OPENING HYMN Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast

#339

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: When the Israelites worshiped the golden calf, God listened to Moses and chose to correct instead of destroy.

## PEOPLE: God persistently invites us to return to God.

LEADER: Jesus tells a story of a wedding banquet where the guests dismissed the invitation and harmed the messengers, so the king invited people off the streets and welcomed all who received the invitation in earnest.

### PEOPLE: God persistently invites us to return to God.

LEADER: Too often we turn from God's ways, choosing our stiff-necked insistence that we know what is best instead of trusting God's provision, love, and guidance.

PEOPLE: When we turn away and our love fails, God continues to offer us opportunities to return to God and join in the celebration of God's abundant love and life.

SONG OF PRAISE

Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

Power Point Screen

#### **OPENING PRAYER**

Faithful God of an unfaithful people, when your Israelite children were new to their freedom from Egypt, they doubted your power and turned to other gods to fulfill their needs. We too, turn to other gods, seeking acceptance, power, and independence. Show us how to live humbly in you, and walk in your ways, in the name of the one who offered true power to all humanity, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

JOYS, CONCERNS AND GOD SIGHTINGS
PRAYER FOR OUR COMMUNITY

ANTHEM "The Gift of Love"

Renata Knox, Director

## Thanksgiving

#### SCRIPTURE SENTENCE

"Give thanks to the LORD because he is good, because his faithful love endures forever."

~Psalm 106:1b



\*DOXOLOGY

#### \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Mighty and righteous God, as we bring our tithes and offerings to your altar, we confess we see ourselves in the stiff-necked Israelites in the wilderness. We are quick to lose sight of you, especially when our focus is turned in the direction of gold. Your anger and disappointment are so justified, and as Moses intervened for the Israelites, Jesus has advocated for us with his very life. Help us to keep our focus as you light the pathway you would have us walk. We pray this with gratitude for your love and in the name of your son, our savior. Amen.

## Hearing and Responding to the Word

SCRIPTURE LESSON Exodus 32:1-14

HYMN Sanctuary #2164

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Mary Lisa Thoman

\*GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 22:1-12

**AFFIRMATION** 

The word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "You Can't Have it Both Ways" Pastor Mark Crist

PASTORAL PRAYER; LORD'S PRAYER

## Going into the World to Serve

\*SENDING SONG When We are Called to Sing Your Praise #2216

#671 Vs. 1

TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

**POSTLUDE** 



## Events this Week: Sunday, October 15, 2023 9:30am Crusaders

9:30am Searchers 10:30am Worship 11:30am Assembling the Layettes in Fellowship Hall. 400pm Hayrack ride at Loren & Joyce Swenson's

Monday, October 16, 2023 5:30pm Mission & Ministry Meeting

# Wednesday, October 18, 2023

5:00pm Sitting with Jesus 5:30pm Choir Practice No Table Talk

**Thursday, October 19, 2023** 5:00pm Girl Scouts Meeting

## Sunday, October 22, 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 16-23

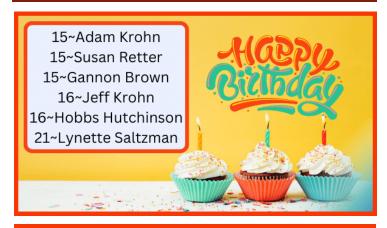
School Fall Break

October 22, 2023 2:00pm Community Baby Shower

October 29, 2023

2:00pm Church Conference in Courtland





# HAY RACK RIDE

OCTOBER 15, 2023

Meet at the church at 3:30 or meet at Loren Swenson's at 4:00pm

Youth will bring items for smores.
Church will supply the hotdogs and buns.
Bring your favorite Side Dish.



## DID YOU KNOW?

\$14,000.00 a month is what it takes to run the church and to continue our programs.



October 15, 2023

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

John Wesley