



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



TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY #94

*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
TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing #671 Vs. 1

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

Prayer Requests

AMANDA WATERMAN
 LAURA CHRISTENSEN
 TRISH & DAN WATERMAN
 HARLEY & DARLA ADAMS
 SHEILA FLESHER
 BETH WHISLER

15~Adam Krohn
 15~Susan Retter
 15~Gannon Brown
 16~Jeff Krohn
 16~Hobbs Hutchinson
 21~Lynette Saltzman

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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.

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 Monday — Thursday
 9:00-4:00pm
 Friday
 Closed

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