

September 15th, 2024

Congregational responses are in bold

(*) Indicates Standing

We Come Together

Prelude... (*this is an opportunity for us to appreciate the gift of music and prepare our hearts for worship*)

***Introit/Lighting of the Christ Candle**

Welcome/Land Acknowledgement

Announcements

Call to Worship:

One: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world",

All: "I am the Bread of Life"

One: "I am the Good Shepherd",

All: "I am the True Vine"

One: With so many ways to name Him,

All: and so many ways to praise Him,

One: we are here by the Grace of His calling,

All: and in joy we worship!

***Hymn:** "Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom" **MV#10**

Opening Prayer: (*unison*)

Gracious God, You have called us here from different places and backgrounds, challenges and joys. From the tangled threads of life, You have knit us together as a family of faith and we are grateful. As You open Your heart to us this morning, may we learn to open our hearts for others, and come to know You in the love we offer to friends and strangers alike. Your Son once asked his disciples, "Who do you say that I am" and today we joyfully respond, Jesus the Christ, the love of our hearts. In His name we pray. Amen.

Personal Prayer: "Lord, Listen to Your Children..." **VU#400**
(Concluding with The Lord's Prayer)

Children's Learning Time

Children's Prayer:

Thank you, God, for being in places where we don't always look. In people, in places, in actions, in words, not

just on pages in a book. Help us to look for You carefully in every tiny place, so that we can see You with us, and come to know Your grace. Amen.

***Hymn:** "Will You Come and Follow Me"

VU#567

We Listen to the Word

Prayer of Illumination:

Reader: Marlene

Scripture Lesson:

Epistle: James: 3: 1-12

Gospel: Mark 8: 27-38

Response:

One: This is God's Word for God's people.

All: We hold this Word in our hearts.

Sermon: "Checking the Lyrics"

Anthem

Prayers of the People

***Hymn:** "Take My Life and Let It Be"

VU#506

We Respond to the Word

Invitation to the Offering

***Sung Dedication:**

"We Give Thee but Thine Own"

VU#543 vs. 1

Offertory Prayer: (unison)

Caring God, as You receive our offering this day, remind us how to share Your love with the world. In our living, let us be Your hands that comfort, Your heart that loves, and Your voice that reaches out into every corner of creation. Bless our offering to the needs of Your children here in this community and throughout Your world. It is in Jesus' name that we pray. Amen.

***Hymn:** "May the God of Hope Go with Us"

VU#424

Blessing: (unison) One: Go now in love,

All: God's Love resting with us.

One: Go now as people of peace,
All: Christ's Peace resting with us.

One: Go as people of the Spirit,
All: God's Spirit leading our way. Amen.

***Choral Benediction** "May the Peace of God Be..." **MV#222**

Postlude

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Volunteer Schedule:

Ushers:

Sept 15 Marlene & John	Sept 22 Howard & John	Sept 29 Sue & John
Screens: Sept 15 Erik	Sept 22 Tracy	Sept 29 Kevin

This week's calendar

Monday	11:30am	Pastoral Care	Boardroom
Tuesday	10:00am	Craft Group	Kitchen
	7:00pm	Church Council	Boardroom
Wednesday	7:00pm	Choir	Sanctuary
Thursday	12:00pm	Lunch with Friends	Church Hall

***Tai Chi** with Val is offered every Mon, Wed & Fri at 9:30am*

Scouts, Guides and outside rentals also use the building throughout the week.

Announcements:

Important Announcement: We are pleased to be renting space in the church every weekday from 2:30 – 5:30pm to a local teacher who is running a learning center for elementary aged school children. ***Please note*** there is no access to the building during this time.

Welcome Back BBQ: We would like to invite you to an outdoor BBQ celebration immediately following the service TODAY!

Kids Korner Sign Up: Our children's program will be up and running in October. To assist us with preparations, please sign your children/grand children up TODAY!

Lunch with Friends: Thurs., Sept. 19th @ noon. Sign up at the back of the church or in the office until Sept 16th at 1pm! The cost is \$7.00 payable at the lunch. Menu is shepherds pie plus dessert, tea and coffee.