

Sunday, August 22, 2021

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“Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.”

*Please stand if able...

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: How wonderful it is to be in a dwelling place for God!

People: The refreshing springs of God’s love cleans and restore us.

Leader: There is a place here for everyone. No one is turned away.

People: The least and the lost; the homeless and hopeless are always welcome in God’s house.

Leader: Praise to God who invites and shelters us all.

People: Praise to God who heals and sends us forth to serve. AMEN

***OPENING HYMN:** *This is the Day*

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OPENING PRAYER

In the beauty of this place, we have come to pray, to worship, to receive healing and hope. We come from the struggles and triumphs of the week, needing to feel the soothing presence of God. Lord, be with us this day. Calm and soothe our souls. Cause us to rejoice that you have

LITURGIST SCHEDULE

August 22nd Norma Purkat

August 29th John Malevich

September 5th DeEtta Annala

USHER SCHEDULE

August 22nd Don and Terri Peterson

August 29th Linda Thesing-Hall and Mary Thesing

Sept 5th John Malevich

YARD WORK SCHEDULE

Aug 16th-22nd Malevich

Aug 23rd-29th Kerzie/Hafdahl

Aug 30th-Sept 5th John and Norma

Scripture Readings for next week (August 29th)

Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9 or 72 (UMH 795)

Song of Solomon??? 2:8-13

James 1:17-27

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Remember next Sunday, August 29th we will be collecting for Noisy Offering....

In September we will begin our Coffee An' Schedule...

provided a special place where we may gather to talk to your presence and love; to sing your praises; and to be empowered to go forth to serve you. AMEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Patient Lord, we are a culture that wants the quick and easy answers to all of life's problems. We want to be able to open the Bible and place our fingers on the passage that will answer all our questions and heal all our hurts. It is difficult for us to deal with the knowledge that discipleship requires patience and perseverance. Jesus' own disciples struggled with his teachings. It took a long time for them to understand fully what Jesus saying and how they were to respond. We are no different. The words of Jesus take time for us o comprehend. Forgive us, Lord, when we are so impatient; when we just want to "get on with it", and be where the action is. Help us to understand the commitment we make in discipleship, through the rocky times and the smooth seas alike. Push us in our ministry of help and compassion to do more than we ever thought we could do in helping others. Give to us that extra measure of faith and commitment that we may truly serve you by serving others. In Jesus' Name, we pray.

AMEN

PSALM READING: Psalm 84 (read responsively – page 832 UMH)

***HYMN:** *Standing on the Promises*

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CHILDREN'S TIME

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Silent prayers...

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by Thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory forever and ever.

AMEN

***HYMN:** *Blessed Assurance* 369

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: 1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43

EPISTLE LESSON: Ephesians 6:10-20

GOSPEL LESSON: John 6:56-69

MESSAGE Pastor MaryLou

***HYMN:** *I Am Thine, O Lord* 419

RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS/MUSIC

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below: praise Him above Ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

AMEN

Please leave your offering in the plate on the stand as you enter or leave the sanctuary.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of power and might: Through the ages, you have reminded us through prophets and apostles that we are called to battle – not with one another, but against the powers of darkness and evil. It is this battle that sends children to bed with empty bellies, while others have so much food it damages their health. It is the battle that imprisons those whose only crime is poverty, while those with more than they could ever spend lose sleep scheming how to get more. As we make our gifts to you this day, may we remember on which side we're on. In the precious, loving name of Christ, we pray. **AMEN**

BENEDICTION

HYMN: *More Like You*

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POSTLUDE