

Sunday, August 29, 2021

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“Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.”

\*Please stand if able...

PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Every generous act of giving is a tribute to God's love for us.

**People: Lord, let us be people of generous and abundant gifts for others.**

Leader: Be ready to listen and slow to react in anger.

**People: Lord, prepare us to be peaceful people.**

Leader: Keep your hearts and spirits ready to serve the Lord.

**People: Lord, open our hearts to hear and respond to your words of life in ministries of hope and peace. AMEN**

\*OPENING HYMN: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* 140

### OPENING PRAYER

**Creating God, you are the source of summer's splendor – the beauty and fragrance of delicate flowers and sweet sound of birdsong. We come to you this morning with delight and gladness,**

### LITURGIST SCHEDULE

August 29<sup>th</sup> John Malevich

September 5<sup>th</sup> DeEtta Annala  
September 12<sup>th</sup> Deborah Ross-Jagunich

### USHER SCHEDULE

August 29<sup>th</sup> Linda Thesing-Hall and Mary Thesing  
Sept 5<sup>th</sup> John Malevich  
Sept 12<sup>th</sup> Tom and Deanna Hafdahl

### YARD WORK SCHEDULE

Aug 23<sup>rd</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> Kerzie/Hafdahl  
Aug 30<sup>th</sup>-Sept 5<sup>th</sup> John and Norma  
Sept 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Malevich

Scripture Readings for next week (September 5<sup>th</sup>)  
Psalm 125 or 124 (UMH 846)  
Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23  
James 2:1-10, 14-17

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is Noisy Offering....

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

Bible Study will start on Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. downstairs. The books will be in the office starting next week. We are asking for a donation of \$10.00 per book.

**grateful for all of your wonders. As the fields produce their harvest, may your love grow within**

**us, that we too may produce a harvest of love, hope, and joy.**

**AMEN**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of mercy, you know us so well. We like to think that we can hide from You, but we are just kidding ourselves. You have offered to us new life, characterized by honesty, compassion, joy, and peace. You have invited us into ministries of peace and justice; but we have far too often turned our back on opportunities for service and witness to your transformational love. Forgive us for our stubbornness. Help us to turn around and listen to your words of hope. Remind us again that you require compassion and mercy in all who serve you; that you will guide our steps and our lives. Give us courage to truly be your witnesses in this world.**

**AMEN**

**PSALM READING:** Psalm 72 (read responsively – page 795 UMH)

**\*HYMN:** *What a Friend*

**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:** *Bind Us Together* FWS 2226

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:** Song of Solomon 2:8-13

**EPISTLE LESSON:** James 1:17-27

**GOSPEL LESSON:** Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

MESSAGE Pastor MaryLou

**\*HYMN:** *Fairest Lord Jesus* 189

**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**

**Generous, giving God; we offer our gifts to you in gratitude for all the blessings you rain down upon us. Your sunshine warms us, your earth feeds us, and your word nourishes us. More than these gifts of money, we give ourselves – our time and our energy – that we might be doers of your word and not just hearers only. We pray this in the name of Christ our Savior.**

**AMEN**

BENEDICTION

**HYMN:** *More Like You* Insert

POSTLUDE