

Sunday, September 26, 2021

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“Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.”

\*Please stand if able...

PRELUDE

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: God whispers to each of us: you are my beloved, created in love for love.

**People: My spirit answers, here I am, Lord. Speak to me anew.**

Leader: Then let us gather, old and young, small and great, to dream God’s dreams, receive God’s power, and do God’s deeds.

**People: Here we are, Lord. Share the light of your love on us. Kindle your Spirit within us. Work your redeeming will in us, that the world may be one through the power of your love.**

**\*OPENING HYMN:** *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

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**OPENING PRAYER**

**Jesus, Brother and Savior, we are grateful to find our way back to you. We have carried out another**

**LITURGIST SCHEDULE**

September 26<sup>th</sup> Sue Malevich

October 3<sup>rd</sup> Warren Ross

October 10<sup>th</sup> Linda Thesing-Hall

**USHER SCHEDULE**

Sept 26<sup>th</sup> Deborah Ross-Jagunich and Warren  
Ross

October 3<sup>rd</sup> Jack and Gerri Makela

October 10<sup>th</sup> Don and Terri Peterson

**YARD WORK SCHEDULE**

Sept 20<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> John and Norma

Sept 27<sup>th</sup>-Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> Kern

Oct 4<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Malevich

Scripture Readings for next week (October 3<sup>rd</sup>)

Psalms 26 or 25 (UMH 756)

Job 1:1; 2:1-10

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Bible Study will start on Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. downstairs. The books are in the office. We are asking for a donation of \$10.00 per book. Not too late to join us....

**week's worth of responsibilities. We have watched another week's worth of news programs and have listened to another week's worth of news programs and have listened to another week's worth of predictions. Sometimes we have slept well; sometimes not. But here we are, before you once again, open to your presence. Revive us with your love and power. Fulfill your kingdom promises in our lives, in our church, and in our world. In the name of God who created us and the spirit who breathes new life in us, we pray. AMEN**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Brother Jesus, Teacher of the Way, we come from a busy week of tasks and obligations. In this quiet time, we have a chance to reflect on how we have lived our lives this week. We have an opportunity to explore the hopes that you have; hopes for compassion for the weak, justice for the mistreated, and love for friends and strangers. We thank you have helped us to be like you; and we regret when we have not been like you. Pick us up where we have fallen. Touch us with your renewing grace, Healer on the Way. AMEN**

**PSALM READING:** Psalm 124 (read responsively – page 846 UMH)

**\*HYMN:** *They'll Know We Are Christians* FWS 2223

## 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:** *He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought* 128

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:** Esther 7:1-6,9-10;9:20,22

**EPISTLE LESSON:** James 5:13-20

**GOSPEL LESSON:** Mark 9:38-50

MESSAGE

Pastor MaryLou

**\*HYMN:** *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

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## 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 the beginning, God of now, and God of what will be; in your claiming us as your own, you have given us the most gracious and powerful invitation – to pray to lift all that weighs on our hearts, with the confidence that you will hear. As we offer gifts to you this morning, we pray that you will dedicate them so that they might bring love, compassion, joy and mercy to people who are in need. Then remind us that we are not done until we have offered to you the prayers of our hearts. In the name of Jesus, our rock and our redeemer.**

**AMEN**

### BENEDICTION

**\*HYMN:** *More Like You*

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POSTLUDE