June 16, 2024; 9:00 am

We Gather Together

Welcome to today's Service of Worship. We extend a special welcome to our visitors. Please use the time before worship to fill in a Friendship Pad.

Prelude: "I Love You Lord" arr. by Fred Bock

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dr. Craig Alwin

Ringing of the Bell and entrance of the Light of Christ

*Call to Worship

Dave E

The church is the place where the broken gather:

let us worship God who reconciles us to one another and to God.

The church is the place where sinners are welcome:

let us worship God who, with forgiving hands, shapes us into new people.

The church is the place where the lost, the least, the forgotten, the ignored gather:

let us worship God who looks at us with the eyes of love.

*Opening Prayer

Holy God, we gather today to celebrate your presence in the lives of faithful people. Open the eyes of our hearts, that we might see one another with your eyes, filtered by the forgiveness of your crucified son. Send your Spirit to meet us here and guide us into your depths so that all we see is born out of your abundant grace. AMEN.

* Opening Hymn: GTG 4 "Holy God We Praise Your Name"



*Call to Confession

Dave E

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and penitence, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

*Prayer of Confession

Dave E

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

Silent Confession

(In the silence of our hearts we confess our sins to God.)

In your mercy, O Lord, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?

Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

As those who are in Christ, know that you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Sharing God's Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you! And also, with you!

(Please share the Peace of Christ with those around you using the ancient formula 'The Peace of Christ.' 'And also, with you.' Please be mindful of those who do not wish to shake hands or be too close. **We encourage you to use this time to send a text or emoji to someone who cannot be here.**)

*Sung Response: 441 "Hear the Good News" v.1

Hear the good news of salvation:
Jesus died to show God's love.
Such great kindness!
Such great mercy!
Come to us from heaven above.
Jesus Christ, how much I love you!
Jesus Christ, you save from sin!
How I love you! Look upon me.
Love me still and cleanse within.

TEXT: Native American (Dakota); John B. Renville, 1879; trans. Emma Tibbets, 1955; vers. Jane Parker Huber, 1989; English Trans. Metrical Version © 1989 Jane Parker Huber (admin. Westminster John Knox Press)
MUSIC (NETTLETON 8.7.8.7.D): Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, 1813

God's Word Is Proclaimed

Psalm Reading: Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15 (Common English Bible p. 738)

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praises to your name, Most High;
to proclaim your loyal love in the morning,
your faithfulness at nighttime
with the ten-stringed harp,
with the melody of the lyre
because you've made me happy, Lord,
by your acts.
I sing with joy because of your handiwork.

The righteous will spring up like a palm tree.

They will grow strong like a cedar of Lebanon.

Those who have been replanted in the Lord's house will spring up in the courtyards of our God.

They will bear fruit even when old and gray; they will remain lush and fresh in order to proclaim: "The Lord is righteous.

He's my rock.

There's nothing unrighteous in him."

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-17 (Common English Bible p. 1408)

So we are always confident, because we know that while we are living in the body, we are away from our home with the Lord. We live by faith and not by sight. We are confident, and we would prefer to leave the body and to be at home with the Lord. So our goal is to be acceptable to him, whether we are at home or away from home. We all must appear before Christ in court so that each person can be paid back for the things that were done while in the body, whether they were good or bad.

So we try to persuade people, since we know what it means to fear the Lord. We are well known by God, and I hope that in your heart we are well known by you as well. We aren't trying to commend ourselves to you again. Instead, we are giving you an opportunity to be proud of us so that you could answer those who take pride in superficial appearance, and not in what is in the heart. If we are crazy, it's for God's sake. If we are rational, it's for your sake. The love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: one died for the sake of all; therefore, all died. He died for the sake of all so that those who are alive should live not for themselves but for the one who died for them and was raised.

So then, from this point on we won't recognize people by human standards. Even though we used to know Christ by human standards, that isn't how we know him now. So then, if anyone is in Christ, that person is part of the new creation. The old things have gone away, and look, new things have arrived!

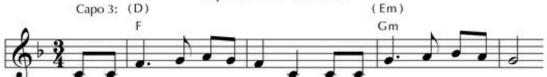
Children's Time

Jennifer Zander

Sung response: GTG 250 "In the Bulb there is a Flower"

In the Bulb There Is a Flower 250

Hymn of Promise



- 1 In the bulb there is a flow er; in the seed, an ap-ple tree;
- 2 There's a song in ev-ery si-lence, seek-ing word and mel-o-dy;
- 3 In our end is our be-gin-ning; in our time, in-fin-i-ty;



in co-coons, a hid-den prom-ise: but-ter-flies will soon be free! there's a dawn in ev-ery dark-ness, bring-ing hope to you and me. in our doubt there is be-liev-ing; in our life, e-ter-ni-ty.



In the cold and snow of win-ter there's a spring that waits to be, From the past will come the fu-ture; what it holds, a mys-ter-y, In our death, a res-ur-rec-tion; at the last, a vic-to-ry,



un - re-vealed un - til its sea - son, some-thing God a - lone can see.

The writing of this hymn was spurred by a line from the poet T. S. Eliot: "In my end is my beginning." Shortly after this piece was completed, the author/composer's husband was diagnosed with what proved to be a terminal malignancy, and the original anthem version of this hymn was sung at his funeral.

TEXT and MUSIC: Natalie Sleeth, 1986 Text and Music © 1986 Hope Publishing Company PROMISE 8.7.8.7.D **Sermon**: "The Love of Christ" *Rev. Dr. Craig Alwin*

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Thy Kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who have sinned 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.

Amen.

We Respond to God's Word

The Practice of Gratitude

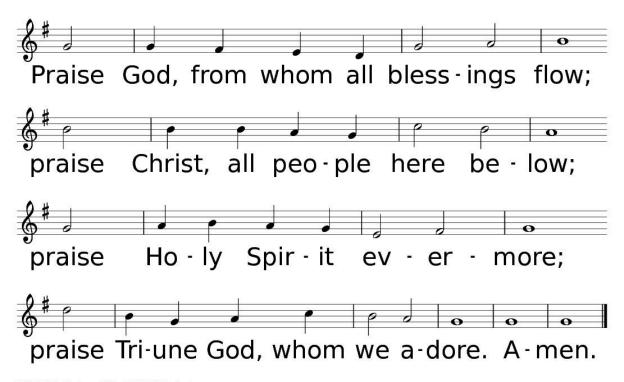
In response to God's Word and remembering all things come from God, we offer with thanks a portion of that which God has entrusted to us. The ushers will collect God's tithes and our offerings. For those who have given in other forms, there are cards in the pew racks that you may use as a tangible action of gratitude to God. No matter what we return to God in material forms, may we spiritually place our hearts, and our very lives, in God's hands, to be re-shaped for ministry in Christ, furthering God's kingdom here on earth.

Offering Music: "Hymn of Promise" arr. by John Carter

*Offertory: GTG 607 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Glory to God #607



TEXT: Neil Weatherhogg, 1988; © 1990 Neil Weatherhogg MUSIC (OLD HUNDREDTH, LM): Genevan Psalter, 1551

*Offertory Prayer

*Sung response: "How Great is Our God w/How Great Thou Art"

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How Great Is Our God

Words and Music by Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves and Ed Cash



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*Charge and Benediction
Postlude: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" arr. by Donald Marsh

PRAYERS

Brian C.	Nancy H.	*LynnK.
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Gib D.	Marie L.	*Dale F.
Arnold I	Chartity C & Joan C	*Karen & Day

Karen & David H. Arnold L. Chastity G. & Joan S.

*Lorele C. Iesse F. Sally S.

*Iim & Laura C. Liam A. Bob & Ollive B.

The names with an asterisk (*) are not church members. However, a church member has received permission to ask that they be lifted in prayer. If you or someone you know would like to be added to our prayer list, please contact a Deacon or the church staff.

If you have a pastoral concern, that happens before or after office hours, please call the office (920.922.0425), press #2 for Pastoral Care.

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^{*}Ruth P.'s father passed away on May 25. He is being laid to rest on June 15, in Indiana. You can read his obituary here.

This Week at Church

Sunday 9:00-10:00am 10:15-11:15am 10:15-11:15am	June 16 / Father's Day /Outdoor Worship Worship Fellowship Time Growing Connections – Sharing stories of the important men in our lives.
Monday 10:00-11:00am 6:30-8:00pm	June 17 Staff Meeting Session
Tuesday 1:15-2:30pm	June 18 Growing Connections Planning
Wednesday 8:00-9:00am 5:30-7:30pm 6:30-7:30pm	June 19 Men's Breakfast (Pump 'n Pantry) Women in Faith Buildings and Grounds
Sunday 9:00-10:00am 10:00-10:30am 10:15-11:15am 10:15-11:15am 1:00-2:00pm 3:00-4:00pm 5:30-7:30pm	June 23 Worship Congregational Meeting – Election of Officers Fellowship Time Growing Connections - Care, INC. PYA (Woodlands) Rev. Dr. Craig Alwin Installation Service and Reception Boy Scout Troop 702 Board of Review and Troop Meeting

WEEKLY STATISTICS FOR June 9,2024

Individuals in Person: 88
Zoom Households: 3

<u>DATE</u>	INCOME	<u>NOTES</u>
06/09/2024	\$935.05	Tithes/Offerings
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