GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Please take a moment during the Prelude to silence your cell phones and quietly prepare yourself for worship.

WELCOME AND MINUTES FOR MINISTRY
PRELUDE
*CALL TO WORSHIP (Isaiah 58:6-12, The Message)
Leader: "This is the kind of fast day I'm after: to break the chains of injustice, get rid of exploitation in the workplace, free the oppressed, cancel debts.
All: What I'm interested in seeing you do is: sharing your food with the hungry, inviting the homeless poor into your homes, putting clothes on the shivering ill-clad, being available to your own families.
Leader: Do this and the lights will turn on, and your lives will turn around at once. Your righteousness will pave your way. The God of glory will secure your passage. Then when you pray, God will answer. You'll call out for help and I'll say, 'Here I am.'
All: "If you get rid of unfair practices, quit blaming victims, quit gossiping about other people's sins. If you are generous with the hungry and start giving yourselves to the down-and-out, your lives will begin to glow in the darkness, your shadowed lives will be bathed in sunlight.
Leader: I will always show you where to go. I'll give you a full life in the emptiest of places—firm muscles, strong bones. You'll be like a well-watered garden, a gurgling spring that never runs dry.
All: You'll use the old rubble of past lives to build anew, rebuild the foundations from out of your past. You'll be known as those who can fix anything, restore old ruins, rebuild and renovate, make the community livable again.

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN "For the Healing of the Nations" Hymnal **346**

RECEIVING FORGIVENESS FROM GOD AND EACH OTHER

*CALL TO CONFESSION
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:
Sovereign God, we confess that we are not ready for your holy realm. You guide us toward right paths, but we refuse to follow where you lead. You love and feed and care for us, but we fail to love and serve others. Forgive us, merciful God, so that we may return to your fold and rejoice in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Lamb upon the throne. Amen.
*WORDS OF FORGIVENESS:
Leader: However long we wander, however far we stray, God's steadfast love endures forever. Sisters and brothers, be assured: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Ezekiel 34:11-24 Pew Bible p.**612**
Matthew 25:31-46 Pew Bible p.**702**

MESSAGE *Pastor Blake Severson*

*HYMN "O for a World" Hymnal **372**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING
OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD
OFFERTORY

*"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" Hymnal **606**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GOING INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN "Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness" Hymnal **314**

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**Those who are able please stand*

WELCOME to worship – we are glad that you're here! If you are visiting today and would like to share your contact information with the office, there are welcome cards in the pew pockets. Please fill one out and place it in the offering plate during the collection time. Everyone is invited to stay for coffee, snacks, and fellowship in the narthex after worship.

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS with a black cover are on the small bookcase in the rear of the sanctuary.

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childcare Provided

Children up to Kindergarten age are welcome in the nursery. There are clipboards with coloring pages in the narthex if your children wish to stay in the sanctuary.

The communion table flowers for November are sponsored by Jean and Gary McCarthy.



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