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:
Leader: O that you would tear open the heavens and come down!
All: We have waited a long time, O God. Teach us to hope again.
Leader: Keep awake, for no one knows the day or the hour.
All: We will watch, for the Lord is near.
Leader: We are the clay, and God is our potter.
All: Shape us in hope, Holy One. Let us worship God.

*CANDLE LIGHTING:
Readers light candle.
Reader 2: When we are weary of waiting,
All: God of hope, keep us awake.
Reader 1: When our dreams have grown small,
All: God of hope, stretch our imagination.
Reader 2: When we wonder what comes next,
All: remind us that we are clay in your hands, and you are not finished with us.

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" Hymnal **82**

RECEIVING FORGIVENESS FROM GOD AND EACH OTHER

*CALL TO CONFESSION
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:
Merciful God, we confess that we have settled for small dreams. We have mistaken busyness for watchfulness and caution for wisdom. We have feared disappointment more than we have trusted your promises. We have stopped asking you to do new things, in us and in this church. Forgive our sleepy hearts. Tear open the heavens of our imagination and come down to us again in Jesus Christ. Amen.
*WORDS OF FORGIVENESS:
Leader: Hear the good news! God does not give up on the clay. The Potter's hands are still upon us, gentle and sure. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE
Isaiah 64:1-9 Pew Bible p.**531**
Mark 13:24-37 Pew Bible p.**719**

MESSAGE *Pastor Blake Severson*

*HYMN "Live into Hope" Hymnal **772**

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 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" Hymnal **353**

*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.

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