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Pastor Bill Davis, presiding



WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 139:7-10)

One: Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

ALL: If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

One: If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

ALL: Even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you!

Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

Please stand if you are able

HYMN "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" #464

1 Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,

God of glory, Lord of love;

Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,

Opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;

Drive the gloom of doubt away;

**Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.**

**2 All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain,
Call us to rejoice in Thee.**

**3 Mortals, join the happy chorus
Which the morning stars began;
Love divine is reigning o'er us,
Joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dear GOD, LORD of all creation, we confess that there have been times when we have sinned. We have done what is wrong. We have listened to the voices of this world. We have used our power to take advantage of others. We have not loved YOU. We have not loved our neighbor. We repent. Help us to turn our back on sin, and to walk with YOU throughout our lives. Amen.

PERSONAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE OF PRAISE Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM *“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”*

SCRIPTURE Matthew 13:24-30

²⁴ He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵ but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" ²⁸ He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" ²⁹ But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn."

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON "Why is There Evil and Suffering?"

Please stand if you are able

HYMN "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" #260

**1 A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing:
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.**

**2 Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing:
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He;
Lord Sabaoth, His Name, from age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.**

**3 And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us:
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.**

**4 That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him Who with us sideth:
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;**

**The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us say what we believe:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.

He descended into hell; On the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS, CONCERNS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, which 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. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

RESPONSE "Hear Our Prayer, O LORD"

**Hear our prayer, O Lord
Hear our prayer, O Lord
Incline Thine ear to us
And grant us Thy peace**

THE OFFERING

DOXOLOGY #592

**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.**

HYMN **“Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley” #80**

**1 Jesus walked this lonesome valley,
He had to walk it by Himself;
O, nobody else could walk it for Him,
He had to walk it by Himself.**

**2 We must walk this lonesome valley,
We have to walk it by ourselves;
O, nobody else can walk it for us,
We have to walk it by ourselves.**

**3 You must go and stand your trial,
You have to stand it by yourself,
O, nobody else can stand it for you,
You have to stand it by yourself.**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

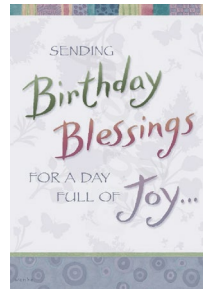
FELLOWSHIP



Don Colwell and
Joanne Swan
(LHW)-congestive
heart failure

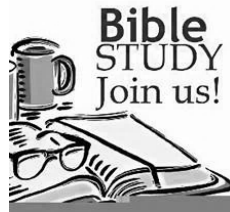
Sue Dykstra-
upcoming surgery

Roger Sheldon-
recovering at
home



Rick Murray

**Sunday
Mornings
9 – 9:45am**



EVENTS

Today Bring a Friend to Church
7/25 Scrapbooking 10am-5pm
8/12 Potluck 4pm



Tuesday and
Wednesday
Aug 4 & 5
bring your
donations for
the church
table

Stay tuned for an announcement about
the next

**Wonderful Introduction for Newcomers
WIN Class**



August 7th and 8th
Start gathering your
yard sale items for the
church table.

Or if you want your own
spot, contact Sue Dykstra
for more information.