

Sunday Morning Worship

Sunday, January 30, 2022

10:30am

Bold text indicates where the congregation joins in unison.

** indicates where the congregation may stand as they are able.*

Welcome and Announcements

“Arise, shine; for your light has come!” Isaiah 60:1

***Call to Worship** (responsive)

Jesus said: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me.

May the word of God be fulfilled among us.

Give thanks to God for the faith we share.

Be steadfast in hope through Jesus Christ.

Those who love the Lord, God will deliver.

When we are called to ministry, God will fill our hearts.

Pray always, and do not lose faith.

God will grant justice to the faithful.

Now faith, hope, and love abide;

and the greatest of these is love.

***Opening Prayer** (unison)

Holy God, you confound the world’s wisdom by giving your kingdom to the lowly and pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice and perseverance in striving for peace, that by our words and deeds, the world may see the promise of your kingdom, revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***Hymn #366**

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

Invitation to Confession

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us, for God surely knows what is deep within our hearts. But when we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Trusting in God's grace, that is freely given and not earned, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

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

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; and you are mine. God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth! In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

#579

***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.***

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of Illumination (unison)

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit and silence the ceaseless chatter of today. Help us focus so that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Choir Anthem

Dona Nobis

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 1:4-10

The Lord's word came to me: "Before I created you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I set you apart; I made you a prophet to the nations." "Ah, Lord God," I said, "I don't know how to speak because I am only a child." The Lord responded, "Don't say, 'I'm only a child.' Where I send you, you will go; what I tell you, you must say. Don't be afraid of them, because I'm with you to rescue you." Then the Lord stretched out his hand, touched my mouth, and said to me, "I'm putting my words in your mouth. This very day I appoint you over nations and empires, to dig up and pull down, to destroy and demolish, to build and plant."

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

(This poem from the Apostle Paul to the struggling Church in Corinth addresses perhaps the most important core value of the Christian faith: love)

Luke 4:14-30

Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and news about him spread throughout the whole countryside. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. Jesus went to Nazareth, where he had been raised. On the Sabbath he went to the synagogue as he normally did and stood up to read. The synagogue assistant gave him the scroll from the prophet Isaiah. He

unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: *“The spirit of the lord has anointed me. He has sent me to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release of the prisoners and recovery of the sight of the blind, to liberate the oppressed, and to proclaim the year of the lord’s favor.”* He rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the synagogue assistant, and sat down. Every eye in the synagogue was fixed upon him. He began to explain to them, “Today, this scripture has been fulfilled just as you heard it.” Everyone was raving about Jesus, so impressed were they by the gracious words flowing from his lips. They said, “This is Joseph’s son, isn’t it?” Then Jesus said to them, “Undoubtedly, you will quote this saying to me: “Doctor, heal thyself. Do here in your hometown what we’ve heard you did in Capernaum.” He said, “I assure you that no prophet is welcome in the prophet’s hometown. And I can assure you that there were many widows in Israel during Elijah’s time, when it did not rain for three and a half years and there was great food shortage in the land. Yet Elijah was sent to none of them but only to a widow in the city of Zaraphath in the region of Sidon. There were also many persons with skin diseases in Isreal during the time of the prophet Elisha, but none of them were cleansed. Instead, Naaman the Syrian was cleansed.” When they heard this, everyone in the synagogue was filled with anger. They rose up and ran him out of town. They led him to the crest of a hill on which their town had been built so that they could throw him off the cliff. But he passed through the crowd and went on his way.

Message

“Barriers to Ministry”

Dale Nester

***Hymn #324**

Open My Eyes That I May See

Prayers of Intercession

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 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, and the power, and glory forever. Amen.

Morning Offering

*Doxology

#592

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*Prayer of Dedication (unison)

God of grace, it is our delight and our devotion to give these gifts to you. All we are and all we have are yours alone. Accept this joyful offering as a token of our abiding love: use it to bring peace, justice and comfort to all the world, Amen.

*Affirmation of Faith (unison)

from A Brief Statement of Faith

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn #369

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

*Benediction and Sending

Prayers for at Home This Week

Morning Household Prayer

Gracious God, keep me humble throughout the day. Help me to seek your wisdom as I stand in service to others. Keep my eyes and ears open to see opportunities to use my God-given spiritual gifts to spread your message of unconditional love to others. I pray in your name. Amen.

Evening Household Prayer

Loving God, thank you for keeping me today. Thank you for the awesome works you have blessed my eyes to see. Continue to bless my community and me throughout the night. I sleep easily knowing you love me always. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

UPCOMING PULPIT SUPPLY COMMITMENTS

February 6th- CRE Peggy Ronk/Rev. Mary Anne Evans-Justin (Communion)

February 13th- Tatyana Spaulding (Alma College Student)

February 20th- CRE Peggy Ronk

February 27th- Micah Schultz (Alma College Student)

March 6th- Rev. Alissa Davis (Communion)

March 13th- CRE Peggy Ronk