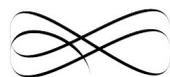


ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Preacher:	Rev. Scott Thompson
Liturgist:	Rev. Leanne Thompson
Organist:	Beci Eliason
Projectionist:	Deb Grunwald
Sound Tech:	Terry Woitaszewski
Nursery Supervisor:	Erica Boeyink
Valet Parking:	David Little
Ushers & Greeters:	Connie Spartz & Sherry Myers
Coffee Servers:	Alida Rampaart & Terry Woitaszewski



Welcome to worship! We are glad you are here to worship God and spend time with your family of faith. As we worship together this morning, here are some things to know:

- **Children are welcome in worship!** We appreciate their curiosity, their wonder, and even their noise. We want children to know that they are welcome in God's house and in God's family. As a ministry to parents, **a nursery is provided for children birth-1st grade.** Children are invited to stay in worship through the Children's Blessing before going to the nursery. Activity pages and play bags are available for children during worship.
- When we sing worship songs that are not included in our hymnals, the words will be printed on the screen. If you would like to be able to follow a music line, **please pick up a copy of the Songs from the Heart songbook** located at the back of the sanctuary or at the end of your pew.
- **Copies of the sermon are available** in manuscript form at the back of the sanctuary each week. If you have difficulty hearing the sermon, you are welcome to pick up a copy of the manuscript to follow along during worship.
- **Coffee is served in the John Knox Hall** every week following worship so that we can visit and spend time with our neighbors. If nobody signs up to bring treats, we will still have coffee!

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Willmar, MN
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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

**Please rise as you are able.*

*Please join in speaking **bolded** text.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In times of security and times of uncertainty,

All: O Lord, you hear our prayers.

One: Confident in your faithfulness,

All: We will ever praise your name.

One: Through the abundance of your steadfast love
you have gathered us into your house.

All: We will ever praise your name.

HYMN #2236 (SF) "Gather Us In"

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Even in our faithlessness, God loves us still and waits in mercy to forgive.

Trusting in the promise given at our baptism, let us confess our sin before God
and one another.

**Holy God, you promise us a life full of blessing, but we do not always
believe. You incite us to hope, but we fall back into fear. You urge us to give
freely, but we cling to what we have. You call us to watch at all times for
you, but we grow lazy and self-absorbed. Forgive us. Increase our hope,
enlarge our hearts, and keep us alert to the wonders you work in the world
every day. For the sake of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

~ Silence for Reflection ~

Hear the good news! By faith we have been saved, our guilty hearts washed
clean. Refreshed, revived, and renewed, empowered by the Holy Spirit, live as
ones who are forgiven and freed, giving thanks to God.

Thanks be to God.

THE PEACE

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

HYMN #276 (PH)

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Kings 17: 8-16

John 12: 1-11

This is the word of our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

"Humble Pots and Costly Decanters"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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; 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 the glory, forever. Amen.**

PRESENTING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY #592 (PH)**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

WE LEAVE TO SERVE

HYMN #391 (PH)

"Take My Life"

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE