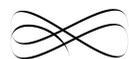


ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Preacher:	Rev. Leanne Thompson
Liturgist:	Rev. Scott Thompson
Pianist:	Jill Boeyink
Special Music:	Music Team
Projectionist:	Shara Goldenstein
Sound Tech:	Terry Woitaszewski
Nursery Supervisor:	Erica Boeyink
Valet Parking:	George Christensen
Ushers & Greeters:	Bob and Diann Anderson
Counters:	Doug and Sharon Bakker
Fellowship:	3 rd -4 th grade Bible Celebration hosted by CEYM



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.
- **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.
- **We sing hymns from three songbooks located in the pews:** PH = large blue "Presbyterian Hymnal"; SF = small blue "Sing the Faith" songbook; SH = spiral-bound "Songs from the Heart."

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

**Please rise as you are able.
Please join in speaking **bolded** text.*

PRELUDE

"Gracefully Broken"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION Peace & Global Witness Offering

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 19:1-4, 14)**

One: Look at the heavens!

All: They are shouting the glory of God.

One: The days and the nights declare the magnificence of God's creative works.

All: The voice goes through all the earth and their words reach the ends of the world.

One: Let our words of praise be acceptable to you.

All: Our Lord, our rock, our redeemer!

***HYMN #158 (SH)**

“Thy Word”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us use our voices to declare those things we have said and done that have separated us from God, and from each other, that we may experience God’s mercy and receive God’s forgiveness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (from Jeremiah 23:25-29)

You have called us, O God, and we have refused to listen; you have stretched out your hand and we have not taken it. We have taken what you have given us and used those gifts to hurt others and defy you. We have refused to be tamed by your wisdom. Forgive our inability to recognize you and live out the reality of your gospel. Give us the insight we need to understand your place in our lives so that our words and actions reflect the glory of God in the lives of others. In the name of the Messiah we pray. Amen.

~ Silence for Reflection and Confession ~

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Psalm 19:7-8)

The law of the Lord is perfect, and it revives the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure and make wise the simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, and it enlightens the eyes. Hear the good news! In Jesus Christ the living Word, we are forgiven. Live in peace!

THE PEACE

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

CHILDREN’S BLESSING

Presentation of 3rd & 4th Grade Bibles

Brock Lesteberg
Owen Schrotberger
Presley Magnuson

HYMN #19 (SH)

“ Ancient Words”

SCRIPTURE LESSON

James 3:1-12

MESSAGE

“Loose Lips Sink Ships”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER #1 (SH)

**Our Father, in heaven, holy is your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today, our daily bread;
forgive our sins and turn us from temptation.
The kingdom and the power and the glory are yours forever.
Amen, amen, amen.**

PRESENTING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Word of God Speak”

***DOXOLOGY (sung to the tune of *All Creatures of Our God and King*)**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

One: It says in the Bible, O God, that you created the world through your Word. Your Word is powerful! And so are our words. They can heal, create a smile, be a declaration of love; but they can also hurt and destroy a sense of self-worth.

All: **Give us your wisdom, God of the Word, so that as a church and as individuals, we use our words to build up and not to destroy. Amen.**

WE LEAVE TO SERVE

***HYMN #335 (PH)**

“Though I May Speak”

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE #72 (SH)**

“God Be With You Till We Meet Again”

POSTLUDE

“Blessed Assurance”