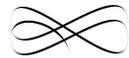


ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Preacher:	Rev. Leanne Thompson
Liturgist:	Rev. Scott Thompson
Pianist:	Jill Boeyink
Special Music:	Music Team
Projectionist:	Abigail Thompson
Sound Tech:	Terry Woitaszewski
Nursery Supervisor:	Erica Boeyink
Valet Parking:	George Ruter
Ushers & Greeters:	Ryan and Nicole Lesteberg and Family
Counters:	Doug and Sharon Bakker
Fellowship:	The Lesteberg Family



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 "Bless the Lord"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION Peace & Global Witness Offering

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 124:1-8)**

One: If it had not been for God, who was on our side, we would have fallen prey to those who want to harm us; we would have been swept away by sadness and fear.

All: Blessed be the Lord, our protector!

One: God has broken the snare that took away our freedom. Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

All: Blessed be God's holy name!

***HYMN #37 (SH)** "Blessed Be Your Name"

CALL TO CONFESSION (James 5:15-16)

In faithful prayer there is power to save the sick; anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore let us confess our sins and pray for one another so that we may be healed.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (from Mark 9:38-50)

God of unity, we live in a world where our lives move between inclusivity and exclusivity. We often move toward the latter, trying to oust from our circles those who do not think like us, act like us, or look like us. Forgive our need to reject and to always be on the lookout for those things that make us different. Give us the eyes of our Teacher, who knows unconditional love and compassion and sees us all as one, for it is in his name that we pray. Amen.

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION AND CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (James 5:19-20)

One: Though we wander from the truth, God brings us back and saves our souls from death. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: **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

Celebration of Baptism:

Adaliah Marlys Kaenel
Daughter of Alexis Kaenel

HYMN #304 (PH)

"Jesus Loves Me!"

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 9:38-50

One: This is the word of our Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

"Stumbling Blocks or Building Blocks?"

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 "Not for a Moment"

***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**

Blessed be the Lord, for God is good, and God's love endures forever. Our Creator, help us to mirror your goodness through this offering in the world. Amen.

WE LEAVE TO SERVE

***HYMN #62 (SH)** "Everywhere I Go"

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE #72 (SH)** "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

POSTLUDE "Glorious Day"