

Call to Worship

L: The Lord calls us to grow in faithfulness.

P: Take away our greed and selfishness, O Lord!

L: The Lord challenges us to serve others in loving ways!

P: Help us grow in our service and witness to your mercy and peace.

L: Come, let us worship the Lord who delights in our witness.

P: Let us praise God who is always with us. AMEN.

Opening Prayer

Lord of light and life, you have called us this day to open our hearts, our minds, our spirits to hear your words of encouragement, healing, and hope. Give us patience and willingness to serve you in all that we do. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN

Silent Prayer of Confession

Opening Hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" UMH#140

Passing the Peace of Christ

"The Peace of Christ be with you."

"And also with you."

Children's Time

Scriptures

Dawn Moyer

Luke 12:49-56 (NIV)

"I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! But I have a baptism to undergo, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He said to the crowd: "When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, 'It's going to rain,' and it does. And when the south wind blows, you say, 'It's going to be hot,' and it is. Hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky. How is it that you don't know how to interpret this present time?"

Hebrews 11:29-12:2 (NIV)

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land; but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned.

By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the army had marched around them for seven days.

By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient.

And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. Women received back their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were put to death by stoning; they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated—the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground.

These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message

"The Eyes of Faith"

Pastor Peter Choi

Hymn

"Your Love, O God"

UMH#120

Joys and Concerns

Prayer List: Lyra Johnson, Gary Smidt, Larry Anderson,
Lori Conyer's Father, and Merlin Beahm.

Happy Birthday to Jentry Olsen, Jaxyn Olsen,
Marah Dornhoff, Steve Maulsby, Carol Wright and
Terese Smith.

Happy Anniversary to Mike & Lori Conyers—31 years and
Jim & Virginia Madsen—16 years.

Pastoral Prayer—Lord's Prayer

Offertory Music

“Doxology “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

Offertory Prayer

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
We bow before you and thank you for the privilege to partici-
pate in your acts of kindness and love here on earth. May
these gifts truly become instruments of your purposes here in
our church, our community, and around the world. Amen.

Closing Hymn “Go Forth for God” UMH#670

Benediction

Go forth and live as Christ in the world. Speak and live with
integrity as you journey through this new week, knowing that
God will satisfy your every need and lead you to a victorious
life. Amen.

Sending Forth

Postlude

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Order of Worship

10:00 a.m.

August 14, 2022

10th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

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Welcome and Announcements

1. We truly appreciate all people who have showed generosity to our schools in our community with the fundraising. We have collected \$1,230 until today and our fundraising will be closed today. We will use the collected fund for new benches between the middle school and the activities gym. We will announce the time of recognition of this fundraising at school.
2. We express our gratitude to those who have supported the rummage sale. Especially, we are very grateful to United Women in Faith and Jodi Boudreau to organizing and leading the rummage sale. The rummage sale was very successful.
3. There will be a community prayer walk for our schools. We will meet at the front door of CLJones or East Elementary at 4:30pm on Sunday, August 21.
4. We plan to start a hand bell choir. We are looking for people to join. Don't miss this opportunity to serve our church. If you want to be a part please get in touch with the church office.
5. The deadline of church conference will be October 3rd. Please prepare all paper works before the date.
6. There will be a Finance Meeting in the Library August 17 at 7:00 pm.
7. Youth Group begins at 6:30 pm on August 17 Wednesday.
8. There will be an education meeting Saturday, August 20 at 7pm. Sunday school begins August 24 at 3:30 pm.
9. Join us for refreshments in the fellowship hall following worship.
10. Last week we received offerings of \$3,900. Thank you for the offerings and prayers.