

Order of Worship July 16, 2017

*Indicates an invitation to stand as you are able.

The congregation is invited to respond with the words printed in **BOLD**.
Hearing devices and large print bulletins are available from an usher.

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Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: As the sun rises each morning,

People: We too arise and shine!

Leader: As the seasons reveal the cycle of life,

People: We too experience the seasons of human life.

Leader: As thunder and lightning jolt and unsettle us,

People: God too enters our lives during once-in-a-lifetime rites of passage.

All: Let us raise our hearts, minds and voices in praise to the Living God!

*Hymn #86

When Morning Gilds the Skies

(Gospel Express Teachers and Students depart for Sunday School Class)

Opening Prayer

Holy God, thank you for the unforgettable moments when we have known your presence and experienced your love. These “mountain top” moments happen with planned rituals like baptisms, weddings, memorial services; graduations, anniversaries, and birthdays. And they catch us by surprise when we have a close brush with death, witness a baby’s first step, or see our soul reflected in the eyes of a loved one. Strengthen our awareness and appreciation of these special moments, that they may draw us closer to your Heart of love and into deeper relationship with others. In Jesus’ name, who showed us how to live, we pray. Amen.

Scripture

Psalms 42:1-5; Luke 1:57-66

Sermon

Blessings from “Big Moments”

*Song

Bless To Me

Prayers of the People

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Quiet Prayer

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer (trespasses)

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory



*Sing! #66

Help me do the justice to be done today,

Help me love kindness in all I do and say,

Let me walk humbly with you, O God I pray,

Every step of the way, every step of the way.

*Prayer of Dedication

Gracious, Wise and Generous God, we support your work in our midst with our time, talent and treasure. All three are represented in these plates. We dedicate what we’ve gathered this morning to Your on-going mission of life sustaining, life-affirming work in the many communities to which we belong. In the name of Jesus, who revealed the power of giving abundantly and without fear, we pray. Amen.

*Hymn #584

I Am the Light of the World

*Benediction

Postlude

Golliwog's Cakewalk

Debussy

Mission Statement

- ◇ While our Christian faith is 2000 years old, our thinking is not.
- ◇ We are a people on a faith journey where grace abounds.
- ◇ We celebrate God's still speaking voice revealed in our world today.
- ◇ We worship God, share the life and teachings of Jesus Christ and practice God's unconditional love for all creation.
- ◇ We act on our faith to achieve needed works of service, justice, love and kindness.
- ◇ We support one another, celebrating our roots and enthusiastically embracing our evolving future.
- ◇ We are an open and affirming congregation welcoming all in God's family wherever each is in life's journey.

Birthdays this Week

Mike Marsden 07/17
Fran Jensen 07/17
Judith Bennington 07/18
Emilio Landi-Fontana 07/19
Julie Jacobs 07/21
Brenda Kaiser 07/21

Today's Worship Leaders

Reader—Carolyn Rundorff
Ushers—Linda Timmel (Head), Diane Sullivan, Jim Keniston, Robert Keniston
Flowers—Pat Lewis
Coffee/Ice Cream Social—Growth Team
Open and Close—Linda Timmel
Sound—Monique Manley-Smith, Nikki Manley-Smith
Nursery—Megan Lucas-Griffiths, Kathryn Fairman
Gospel Express—Pam Schlueter, Janice Burris, Melody Dawley, Carole Thomas

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