

Congregation:
*Stand as you are
able in body or spirit.



Our Mission: To serve and unite those we touch with the Grace of God.

Our Vision: Transforming lives to become the heart, hands, and feet of Jesus in the world.

July 25, 2021

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 a.m. Service

Prelude

“Hymn of Praise”

- Schreiner

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

One: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

All: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

One: This morning we enlarge our hearts; we offer our prayers; we share our treasure with those siblings in our world who are dealing with tumult and disaster and injustice.

All: We will not be discouraged. We shall remember that God’s steadfast love is always with us and the whole world, that God’s compassion is for each and all.

One: We celebrate that love and compassion can do far more than “we ask or imagine!”

All: May we always be inspired by our hope in God, to serve, care, and live in hope!

*Hymn #133

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

Centering Prayer *Unison*

Praise be to Thee, Most Supreme God, Thy Beauty do we worship, to Thee do we give willing surrender.

Please observe silence for reflection and personal meditation.

Scripture

Ephesians 3:1-6; 11-19 – Message trans.

This is why I, Paul, am in jail for Christ, having taken up the cause of you outsiders, so-called. I take it that you’re familiar with the part I was given in God’s plan for including everybody. I got the inside story on this from God himself, as I just wrote you in brief.

As you read over what I have written to you, you’ll be able to see for yourselves into the mystery of Christ. None of our ancestors understood this. Only in our time has it been made clear by God’s Spirit through his holy apostles and prophets of this new order. The mystery is that people who have never heard of God and those who have heard of him all their lives (what I’ve been calling outsiders and insiders) stand on the same ground before God. They get the same offer, same help, same promises in Christ Jesus. The Message is accessible and welcoming to everyone, across the board.

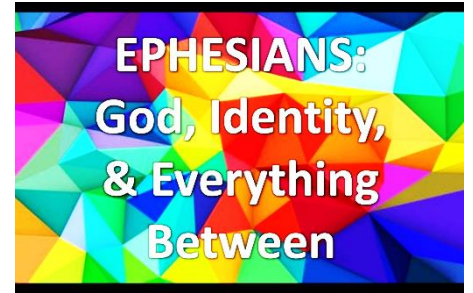
All this is proceeding along lines planned all along by God and then executed in Christ Jesus. When we trust in him, we’re free to say whatever needs to be said, bold to go wherever we need to go. So don’t let my present trouble on your behalf get you down. Be proud!

My response is to get down on my knees before the Father, this magnificent Father who parcels out all heaven and earth. I ask him to strengthen you by his Spirit—not a brute strength but a glorious inner strength—that Christ will live in you as you open the door and invite him in. And I ask him that with both feet planted firmly on love, you’ll be able to take in with all followers of Jesus the extravagant dimensions of Christ’s love. Reach out and experience the breadth! Test its length! Plumb the depths! Rise to the heights! Live full lives, full in the fullness of God.

Message

Rev. Amanda Lunemann

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Special Music

“I Know Who Holds Tomorrow”
Patricia Swanson and Lynn Kilian, duet

- Stanphil
arr. DeCou

Prayers

The Lord’s Prayer *Unison*

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Offering Invitation

Offertory Music

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

- arr. Ray

*Doxology – Hymn #94 *projected*

*Hymn #2165/Faith We Sing

“Cry of My Heart”

*Blessing and Benediction – *based on Message trans. Eph 3:30-21*

God can do anything – far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams!

He does it not by pushing us around but by working within us, Her Spirit deeply and gently within us.

Glory to God in the church!

Glory to God in the Messiah!

Glory down all the generations!

Glory through all millennia! Glory and Amen!

*Song of Peace

Go in peace, my friend, till we meet again.

May God’s blessing be on you, may you be a blessing too.

May God’s Spirit burning bright, be your ever-guiding light.

God go with you, making all things new.

Postlude

“Postlude on ‘In Babylon’”

- Young

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“BEING CHURCH”



- We are a church seeking to follow the Wesleyan Spiritual Practice of “Doing No Harm“. We know this time of emerging from COVID lockdown can be messy and want to be a safe space for all people seeking to do the same. If you are vaccinated, you are not required to wear a mask in our sanctuary. Additionally, if you choose to wear a mask for whatever reason, we support your decision to do so. We are here to love one another in its many diverse forms.
- Speaking of “Doing No Harm,” we are choosing to put a pause on the Children’s Message for the summer months as we seek to keep our families and children safe.