



***Offering Jesus Christ to everyone through worship, prayer, study, mission, and fellowship.***

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8:30 am



#### Preparation for Worship

Two brothers struggle to find their place in God's world as they answer God's call. Seeds struggle to take root and grow. The struggle of living and growing as children of God's Spirit is a struggle that has haunted humanity since the dawn of time. --M.J. Scifres

#### Announcements

#### Focus Scripture

Psalm 119:105-112

#### Prelude

*Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

#### \*Call to Worship

God scatters the seeds and calls us to grow.

***We want to grow in Christ.***

God scatters the seeds and calls us to love.

***We want to love as Christ loves.***

God scatters the seeds and calls us to hear.

***We want to listen for the word of God.***

#### \*Hymn

*Spirit of the Living God*

No. 393

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. (repeat)

#### Common Prayer

God of growth and new beginnings, enter into the struggles of our lives. Nurture our souls, that we may be fertile ground for wisdom and love to spring forth in our lives. Dwell within us, that we may have strength of purpose to live out your calling each and every day. Amen.

#### Scripture

Genesis 25:19-34

#### Kid's Time

## Message

### \*Hymn

#### *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

No. 2158

1 I am weak, but thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong; I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.

Refrain:

Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea, daily walking close to thee:  
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares? Who with me my burden shares?  
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but thee. [Refrain]

3 When my feeble life is o'er, time for me will be no more; guide me gently, safely o'er  
to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore. [Refrain]

### Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

### Sharing of our Gifts and Lives

### \*Hymn

#### *Hymn of Promise*

No. 707

1 In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

2 There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody; there's a dawn in every darkness bringing hope to you and me. From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

3 In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity; in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity. In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

### \*Benediction

May your eyes and heart be wide open to God's lively presence and  
may you experience peace and hope. **Amen.**

### \*Postlude

#### *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

#### Worship Assistants today:

Song Leader: Kathy Brown  
Organist: Gloria Cardoni  
Tech Support: Jamie Hannah  
Sound Tech: Arthur Sievers



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Our Staff:

Pastor: Kathy Bueker Sweet

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