



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

March 14, 2021

8:30 am



Preparation for Worship

Have you dedicated any portion of your labors to God, who blessed them, by doing good to any besides your own? Has the stranger, the widow or the fatherless ever tasted of your bounty? If you have never done things of this kind, your talent is as yet hid in a napkin. And consider further, that the real poor and needy are Christ's representatives.

--Richard Allen

Announcements

Focus Scripture

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Prelude

*Call to Worship

Leader: God is good.

People: *All the time.*

Leader: And all the time,

People: *God is good.*

Leader: Let all God's people cry out in joy:

People: *God's steadfast love endures forever*

*Hymn

When Morning Gilds the Skies

No. 185

When morning gilds the skies my heart awaking cries: May Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer, to Jesus I repair: May Jesus Christ be praised!

Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find: may Jesus Christ be praised!
Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Let earth's wide circle round in joyful notes resound: may Jesus Christ be praised!
Let air and sea and sky from depth to height reply: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine, may Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this th'eternal song through all the ages long, may Jesus Christ be praised!

Common Prayer

God of immeasurable grace, you meet us in our time of need and cause your face to shine upon us. You sent your Son into the world, that we might be saved; and you fashioned us into vessels of your love and light. Redeem us this day, O God, that we may be found worthy of the one who came to bring us life. Amen.

Scripture

John 3:14-21

Kid's Time

Message

Special Music

To God Be the Glory

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Sharing of our Gifts and Lives

*Hymn

There Is a Balm in Gilead

No. 375

Refrain: There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole; there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sinsick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain.
But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. Refrain

Don't ever feel discouraged, for Jesus is your friend,
And if you look for knowledge he'll ne'er refuse to lend. Refrain

If you can't preach like Peter, if you can't pray like Paul,
Just tell the love of Jesus, and say he died for all. Refrain

*Benediction

Share the light and love of Jesus Christ wherever you go! Amen!

*Postlude

Worship Assistants today:

Preacher: Rev. Kim Dancey
Organist: Gloria Cardoni
Sound Tech: Arthur Sievers

Song Leader: Kathy Brown
Tech Support: Jamie Hannah



Our Staff:

Pastor: Kathy Bueker Sweet
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Office Hours--Monday-Thursday 9 am - 12 noon
Live Radio Broadcast 8:30 a.m. WCZQ 105.5 FM
Worship: 8:30a in person and Facebook Live
10:45a in person

Announcements

Do you know someone who has a special need or would like a phone call? Please call the office and let us know. Caring for each other has become a bit more difficult during covid--but not impossible!

The Fun and Fellowship committee is looking for Easter bag donations for the kids again this year. We are hosting an egg hunt alternative and will be filling bags for the kids in our congregation (about 35-40 kids). Donations could include candy, stickers, bubbles, etc.(small things that would fit in a small lunch bag. Please bring them to the office by Monday, March 15th. Thank you in advance!

We are excited! Children's Sunday school classes are in person from 9:45a-10:30a. We hope you will come back and see what's happening! For questions, please contact Mary Catherine.

The Midwest distribution team is going on THURSDAY, March 18th. This is a change from the newsletter. Please contact Jean Holmes or the office for more information about this mission opportunity.

The Women's Bible study will begin on Wednesday, April 7th. The afternoon group will meet at 1pm and the evening group will meet at 5:30pm. For more information, please call the office, or see Wendy Schupmann for the afternoon study or Millie Rose for the evening study.

Calendar

Today

8:30 am Worship, in-person, online and radio
9:30 am Sweet Treat Pick up for Kahoot Night
10:45 am Worship, in-person
5:00 pm Middle school youth group
6:00 pm All Church Kahoot (see Zoom info below)
6:30 pm High school youth group

Monday, March 15

4:00 pm T.O.P.S
7:00 pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, March 16

8:15 am Just Walking
7:00 pm Prayer time with Rev. K (via Zoom)

Thursday, March 18

7:15 am Midwest Distribution day (see announcements)
8:15 am Just Walking
6:30 pm Hymn Singalong on Facebook Live

Sunday, March 21

8:30 am Worship, in-person, online and radio
10:45 am Worship, in-person

Topic: Kahoot Night

Time: Mar 14, 2021 06:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/4848228689?pwd=QURlbnZROlR2xITEFXdUhGa2MwalNaZz09>

Meeting ID: 484 822 8689

Passcode: ur8pe3

Lenten Food Pantry Offering

Week of March 21: Pasta

Ideas: Chef boyardee, Spaghetti O's, dried pasta and sauce, ramen noodles, canned meat