

Sunday, January 26, 2020

Worship Notes:

Your offerings and tithes may be placed in the offering box before worship, during the time of greeting or following the service. The offering box is located at the rear of the sanctuary.

Our Community Gathers

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship** (**you are invited to stand if you are able*)

Leader: God calls us out of our isolation

**ALL: to join hands with our sisters and brothers
in this community of faith.**

Leader: God calls us out of our confusion

**ALL: to speak to us from the Word and to inspire
us by the Spirit.**

Leader: God calls us out of our sin

**ALL: to cleanse us through the Son and to enhance
our lives with beauty and usefulness.**

Invocation *Rich*

***Opening Hymn 'Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore'** *Ch #342*

Old Testament Reading Psalm 27: 1, 4-9 *Todd Whitmer*

Prayer Preparation 'O Come, All Ye Faithful' (*chorus*) *Ch #148*

Prayers of the Gathered & the Lord's Prayer

Our Community Hears the Word and Responds

Our Word of Life *Nehemiah Chapters 1 & 2 (pg. 430 OT)*

Morning Message *Pastor Rich Pate*
'Is He Wanting to Use You?'

Our Community Celebrates the Sacred Table

We celebrate a fully open communion table. All those who believe in Christ our Savior, are invited to receive the Bread of Life and Cup of Hope.

Communion **'Jesus Calls Us'** *CH #337*
vs. 1, 4 & 5

Passing and receiving of Bread and Cup. *You are invited to eat the bread as received. Please hold the cup until you are invited to drink together.*

Prayer of Offering and Dedication *Todd Whitmer*

Lord, forgive our fears that stifle our stewardship. Forgive our giving in and our giving up instead of giving ourselves to Christ's mission of love. Remind us that our hope is in standing up and risking. Help us to remember, O Lord, that the stewardship question is not really, "How much will we give?" the stewardship question is, "How will we each use what we have been given?" We pray it will be used faithfully and cheerfully. Amen

***Sending Song 'I Have Decided to Follow Jesus'** *Ch #344*
vs. 1, 3, & 4

Blessing
Be strong and courageous, be careful to observe God's commandments – remember them, speak of them, obey them. Do not be fearful, do not be discouraged: and the Lord your God be with you wherever you go. Amen

**'Our Worship has ended - - -
Now our Service to God begins!'**

Scripture for Sunday, February 2nd

Old Testament reading: Psalm 15

Old Testament reading: Matthew 5: 1-12

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Shut-ins

Please pray for our shut-ins and homebound:

Joyce Bradley, Sherry Burns, Jane Foster, Dick Gordon, Carol Imhoff, Betty Imperio, Bernice Lambert, Jane McVey, Kate Miller, Wanda Mish, Dick Scott, Gertrude & Keith Sparks, Dale Wells and Beverly Zimmerman. A visit, call or a card means so much to those who can't be with us on Sundays.



Sign up for Communion Prep

*There is a sign-up sheet for **communion prep** in the gathering room. This entails making up the communion and bread trays and cleaning them up following worship. (neither of which takes long). Thank you for your willingness to serve.*

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Random Act of Kindness

For our Random Act, we will begin to fill our "Give & Take" shelves! Please bring something in and also take an item or two to someone who could use them.