

Sunday, June 17, 2018

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: Come and give thanks to our God.
Sing praises to the holy name.

ALL: With the melody of the lute and the harp and the song in our hearts, we declare God's steadfast love in the morning and faithfulness at night.

Leader: God's works make us glad.

**ALL: Your works are great, O God.
We sing our praises of joy to you.**

Invocation *Pastor Rich*

***Let's greet one another with friendship and love!**

***Opening Hymn** 'This Is a Day of New Beginnings' Ch #518

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 53 *Ellie Wells*

Prayers of the Gathered and The Lord's Prayer

Our Community Hears the Word and Responds

Sacred Reading Acts 8: 26-39 (pg. 127 NT)

Morning Message *Pastor Rich Pate*

"God's Waters of Change"

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 'Just a Closer Walk With Thee' Ch #557
vs. 1 & 2

Passing and receiving of Bread and Cup
You are invited to eat the bread once you receive it. Please hold the cup until you are invited to drink together.

Prayer of Offering and Dedication *Ellie Wells*

You have been exceedingly generous to us, O God. We return a portion of what we have to you in grateful thanksgiving. Bless our offerings that they will nurture love, hope, and healing in this community and beyond. Amen

Service of Baptism *Baptism of Given Myer*

***Sending Song** 'In the Bulb There Is a Flower' Ch #638
Vs. 1, 2 & 3

Blessing
May God take your hands, and work through them, take your lips, and speak through them, take your minds, and think through them, take your hearts, and set them on fire with love; by the power of Christ who goes with you. Amen

"Our Worship has ended - - Now our Service begins"

Scriptures for Sunday, June 24th

New Testament reading: Mark 4: 35-41

Elder Old Testament reading: Psalm 9: 9-20

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Random Act of Kindness

Our Random Act of Kindness for the month of June is to choose one of our shut-ins or homebound members each week and send them a "Thinking of You" card.

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Shut-ins

Please pray for our shut-ins and homebound

Joyce Bradley, Sherry Burns, John Cochie, Pauline Deever, Jane Foster, Dick Gordon, Carol Imhoff, Betty Imperio, Bernice Lambert, Bob McCormic, Jane McVey, Kate Miller, Wanda Mish, Dick Scott, Wayne Smith, Ed Snook, Gertrude & Keith Sparks & Dale Wells. Also pray for Al & Bev Zimmerman who both have health issues. A visit, call or a card means so much to those members and friends who can't be here with us each week.

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Outdoor Worship

Next Sunday, June 24th, we will meet in our pavilion for our worship service. You may sit at one of the tables or bring a lawn chair (and perhaps a sweater). We will meet on the 4th Sunday of June, July and August (weather permitting) in the pavilion.

Father's Day

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Statement of Purpose

Leader: From apostolic times persons have become disciples of Christ by confessing that Jesus is God's Messiah – the Lord and Savior of the world. In obedience to Christ's command and in likeness to Christ's example, they have been baptized.

All: Today we joyously receive this new disciple into Christ's one, holy, apostolic, and universal church.

Leader: Through baptism we are brought into union with Christ, with each other, and with the church of every time and place.

ALL: Through baptism we are buried with Christ, that we like him, may be raised from the dead to walk in newness of life.

Leader: Through baptism into Christ God graces us with the gift of the Holy Spirit to forgive our sins, to cleanse us from all wrongs, to clothe us with God's own righteousness, and to strengthen us all our days.

ALL: Through baptism into Christ, we gain a new identity as sons and daughters of God, and receive a new life-purpose of christlike ministry by word and deed.

Leader: Let us each remember and rejoice in our own baptism as we join in receiving this new disciple into Christ and Christ's church.

ALL: With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome Given into Christ's church, joined together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Together let us encourage one another, building up each other within Christ's body. Let us love and comfort one another, praying to grow into the full likeness of Christ.

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