

Sunday, September 8, 2019

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: This is the place and this the time;

ALL here and now God waits to break into our experience;

Leader: to change our minds,
to change our lives,
to change our ways;

**ALL: to make us see the world and the whole of life in a
new light; to fill us with hope, joy, and certainty
for the future.**

Leader: This is the place, as are all places;
this is the time, as are all times.

ALL: Here and now, let us praise and worship God.

Invocation *Rich*

Let's take a moment to greet one another in friendship and love!

***Opening Hymn** **'Have Thine Own Way, Lord!'** *Ch #588*
vs. 1, 2 & 4

Old Testament Reading **Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18** *Yvonne Kimball*

Prayer Preparation **'Holy Ground' (1x)** *Ch #112*

Prayers of the Gathered & the Lord's Prayer

Our Community Hears the Word and Responds

Sacred Reading Luke 14: 25-33 (*pg 78 NT*)

Morning Message *Rich Pate*
'Easier Said Than Done'

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 **'For the Bread, Which You Have Broken'** *CH #411*
vs. 1 -3

Special Music *Brian & Rich*

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 *Yvonne Kimball*
**Gracious God we thank you for the opportunity to give our time,
talent, and treasure for the building of your Kingdom on earth. Bless
these gifts, tithes, and offerings and may they be used for your
Glory. We offer this prayer in your mighty name. Amen**

***Sending Song** **'Living for Jesus'** *Ch #610*
vs. 1 - 3

Blessing

*As you have feasted at the table at God's invitation, go into the world
renewed and restored. Go into the world to share the Good News that
there is a place for everyone at God's banquet table. Go into the world
to share God's Bounty. Amen*

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

Scriptures for Sunday, September 15th

Old Testament reading: Psalm 14

New Testament reading: Luke 15: 1-10

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, Marie Pate, Dick Scott, Wayne Smith, Gertrude & Keith Sparks, Dale Wells and Bev Zimmerman. Keep Kim Mercer in your prayers as she recovers from knee surgery. A visit, call or a card means so much to those members and friends who can't be here with us each week.

Random Act of Kindness

Random Act of Kindness is to call or visit one of our shut-ins or homebounds this week.

Bible Study

*Pastor Rich will begin a Bible Study on Phillip Yancy's "The Jesus I never Knew" this **Tuesday, September 10th**. There is a sign-up sheet in the gathering room. It will be a 6 week study on Tuesday mornings from 10:00 to 11:30 and Tuesday evenings from 6:00 to 7:30. The study guide is \$10.00.*

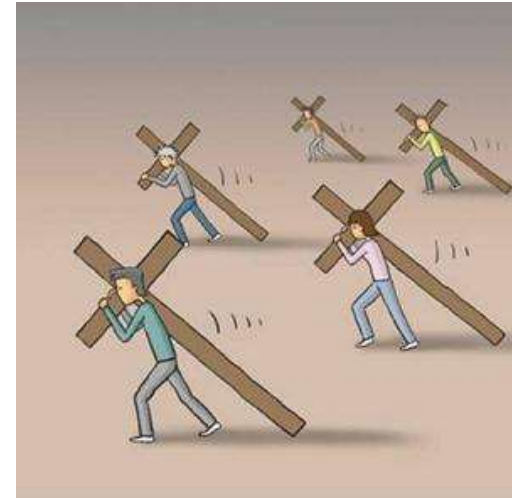
Crop Walk

*The Crop Walk will be **October 6th**. If you would like to walk or sponsor a walker contact Dick Reich. Please help end hunger locally and world wide!*

Shelby Chamber Choir

*Brian Nabors will be bringing his Chamber Choir to perform for us during worship on **Sunday, October 6th**. Plan on being here for this awesome Sunday!*

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