

Pastor, Sandi Perl                      Elly Stempien, Organist  
Ron Miller, Choir Director      Gene James, Worship Leader

## WELCOME AND GREETING, ORGAN PRELUDE

**\*SONG OF PRAISE (UMH) 328 Surely the Presence of the Lord**

**\*SHARING OF THE PEACE** - Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love. (Kids can sit in the front row with Pastor Sandi when they are finished greeting others)

**Choir Anthem                      Each and Every Day**

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: God's home is here, in this place with these people.

**C: We come to seek renewal, new life, new hope.**

L: In water God makes us new turning us away from our sins, setting us on a new and right path.

**C: Come gather round the font of grace and love.**

L: Allow yourself to be refreshed, renewed, set straight.

**C: Come and be loved. Amen.**

### **\*MORNING PRAYER**

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**Creator of all People, In our human existence, there is much that changes and much that needs to change. Individually we know our own weakness, failings and faults. We know that intuitively you know where and when and how we sin. Yet, in your goodness and mercy you make it possible for us to put to death the aspects of our lives that are not in keeping with your will. Rather than admonish us with no hope for improvement, or of change, instead you make it possible for us to rebalance and renew. Today we thank you for the continuing new opportunities that you make available for fresh starts, and for the new life possible for us to establish and enjoy. Merciful God, wash over us with life-changing spirit. Bathe us in waters of new life and restore us to a better version of ourselves, that we may live more purposefully as the people you intend us to be. Amen**

## **HYMN OF PRAISE (UMH) 384 Love Devine**

## **PRAY TIME/PRAYER HYMN 473 Lead Me Lord**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** –Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptations, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

## **PARTY WITH THE PREACHER**

### **\*OFFERTORY/ DOXOLOGY (p 95)**

**Lord we thank you that you have made us faithful stewards of all the earth; stewards too of the financial resources with which you have supplied us. By faith we are trusted to use these gifts wisely; to look after ourselves and those we love, to support Your work through the activities of the Church, and directly in the communities and world we live. Today we dedicate this offering and seek your blessing for its good use. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen**

**SCRIPTURE: Psalm 84 (p 543), Romans 6:1-11 (p.156)**

## **MESSAGE**

## **CLOSING HYMN (UMH) 369 Blessed Assurance**

### **\*GOOD NEWS**

**Called to follow, renewed, and refreshed, restored, and made whole, all through the energizing waters of baptism. Amen.**

**FWS –Faith We Sing                      UMH – United Methodist Hymnal**

**Join us for fellowship today after worship with our hosts' Barb and Carole**

**SERVING THIS WEEK (8/20/17) \* please be in the Choir Room at 8:50am for prayer.**

Greeters: Waneta Nielsen and Meredith Nielsen  
Ushers: Russ Heggie and Jeff Stempien  
Scripture Reader: Meredith Nielsen  
Fellowship: Barbara Bailey and Carole Clow  
Sunday School: Pam Althouse  
Counters: Marilyn James and Pam Althouse  
Nursery: Chris & Stacy Wyant  
Door Greeter: Matt Fitch  
Prayer Minister: Terry Fingar

**NEXT WEEK (8/27/17) \* please be in the Choir Room at 8:50am for prayer.**

Greeters: Art and Ruth Miller  
Ushers: Laurie and John Prinzivalli  
Scripture Reader: Sarah Stackhouse  
Fellowship: Waneta Nielsen and Helen Schillinger  
Sunday School: Marguerite Miller  
Counters: Elly Stempien and Dick Smith  
Nursery: Blanche Fingar and Phil Pearce  
Door Greeter: Erin Brady  
Prayer Minister: Babs Steinart

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

Backpack and Lesson Plan Blessing – September 3 - Bring your Backpacks and Lessons Plans to church

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