

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

**WELCOME AND GREETING, ORGAN PRELUDE**

**Centering Prayer**

**\*SONG OF PRAISE (UMH) 196 Come, Thou Long Expected  
Jesus**

**\*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)

**Anthem      A Tiny Child Will Come**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: It is good.

**People: It is good.**

Leader: To be in the house of the Lord.

**People: To be in the house of the Lord.**

Leader: One more time.

**People: One more time, Amen.**

**\*MORNING PRAYER**

**The Lord requires of us a pure offering, without blemish or  
spot. We must be right with God and our neighbor to offer  
ourselves or our gifts to God. Therefore, let us confess our  
sins against God, and reconcile with our neighbors. *Silence.***

**HYMN OF PRAISE (UMH) 203 Hail to the Lord's Anointed**

**PRAY TIME/PRAYER HYMN (FWS) 2193**

**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 – Special Guest**

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

**Loving God, you powerfully proclaim through your prophet John  
the need for us to repent of our sins and to prepare the way of the  
Lord. We place these offerings upon your altar with the  
knowledge that they will support many ministries that proclaim  
your Good News and lead people on your path. By offering you  
these generous gifts, we prepare ourselves to be led along your  
path of grace and love. We pray with your guiding presence.  
Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE: Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 (p 543), Mark 1:1-8 (p 34)**

**Message**

**CLOSING HYMN (UMH) 198 My Soul Gives Glory to My God**

**\*GOOD NEWS**

**Go forth from this place with eyes open to see with ears open  
to hear with hearts open to embrace  
each one we meet. In the name of our God, who is swift to  
mercy, relentless in justice, and perfect in peace. Amen.**

**FWS –Faith We Sing**

**UMH – United Methodist Hymnal**

Join us for fellowship today after worship with our  
hosts' Marilyn Sands

**SERVING THIS WEEK (12/10/17)**

Greeters: Deb Smith and Jane Salyer  
Ushers: Clarice Hardy and Waneta Nielsen  
Scripture Reader: Stacy Wyant  
Fellowship: Marilyn Sands  
Sunday School: Kerry Fitch  
Counters: Elly Stempien and Bill Sutherland  
Nursery: Breanna Summers and Sonya Anderson  
Door Greeter: Jim Enlsow  
Prayer Minister: Marilyn James

**SERVING NEXT WEEK (12/17/17)**

Greeters: Amos Hammond and John Prinzivalli  
Ushers: Dick Smith and Russ Heggie  
Scripture Reader: Ron Salyer  
Fellowship: Eric and Paula Detar  
Sunday School: Pam Althouse  
Counters: Ron Salyer and Aimee Perry  
Nursery: Phil Pearce and Laurie Prinzivalli  
Door Greeter: Bill Sutherland  
Prayer Minister: Meredith Nielsen

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

**Next Week will be our Christmas celebration with the children during the worship service.**

**The Christmas Eve worship service will be at 7:00pm.**

**Contact Us**

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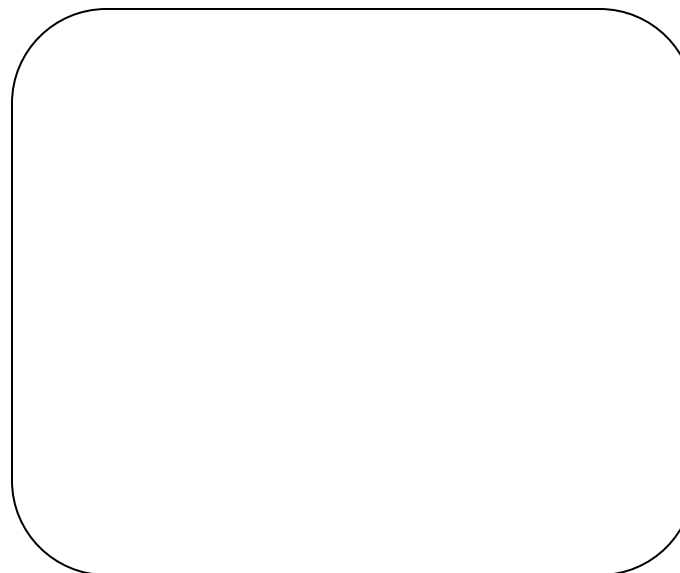
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What is home to you?  
Draw or write your thoughts below.



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