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WELCOME AND GREETING, ORGAN PRELUDE

Centering Prayer

Song of Praise (FWS) 2071 Jesus, Name Above All Names

***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

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Dare we? Dare we worship?

C: Dare we worship in this place, stripped of everything except that which makes it a place to encounter the God of the poor, of the oppressed, of the stranger?

L: Dare we worship without the trappings of religion and meet the God of justice in this place of peace?

C: We do! Amen

***MORNING PRAYER**

Lord God, we thank you for the many places of worship around the world today. From ancient cathedrals to time island churches, from in huts to newly built multi-purpose building. Thank you, Lord, for the creativity you have given us to design such amazing places where people can gather to worship you. Thank you for the people who give of their time to maintain this building and look after it. Lord, in your mercy, hear out prayers this day, we wait patiently for your answers, and we humbly offer you our thanks. Amen.

Hymn of Praise (UMH) 127 Guide Me O Thought Great Jehovah

PRAY TIME/PRAYER HYMN (FWS) #2160

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)**

Generous God, you have given us so much and we are grateful for it all. Accept our offerings this day, take them and use them for the growth of your kingdom. Remind us that all our gifts are to be offered to you, not just our money, our bodies are your temple, our lives are yours, and we rededicate ourselves to you this day. Amen.

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 127:1-2 (p. 573), John 2:13-25 (p.93)

MESSAGE

Closing Hymn (FWS) 2129 I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

***GOOD NEWS**

Let us leave behind that which tarnishes, oppresses and limits our relationship with God, and take with us the hope, the peace, the justice that opens God to others. Amen.

Sharing Grace – Read Robert Burns poem 'A Man's a Man' (look for the English translation) and reflect on the kind of world Burns spoke of and how similar or otherwise is to Jesus' vision of the kingdom.

FWS –Faith We Sing UMH – United Methodist Hymnal

Please join us for coffee and conversation after church with our hosts the James'.

SERVING THIS WEEK (1/21/18)

Greeters: Hope and Jim Enslow
Ushers: Dick Smith and Ernie Pinneo
Scripture Reader: Joyce Wiedrich
Sunday School: Pam Althouse
Counters: Ron Salyer and Pam Althouse
Nursery: Chris and Stacy Wyant
Door Greeter: Russ Heggie
Prayer Minister: Meredith Nielsen
Fellowship: Marilyn and Gene James

SERVING NEXT WEEK (1/28/18)

Greeters: Dale Bliss and Sally Head
Ushers: John Prinzivalli and Russ Heggie
Scripture Reader: Beckie Laumeier
Sunday School: Marguerite Miller
Counters: Ron Salyer and Pam Althouse
Nursery: Laurie Prinzivalli and Trish deMontfort
Door Greeter: Paula Detar
Prayer Minister: Bruce Westerdahl
Fellowship: Chris and Stacy Wyant

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Mark Your Calendars!

Next Week (January 28th and February 4) we will be collecting Soup for Super Bowl Sunday.

Ash Wednesday Service February 14th – 6:00pm – soup dinner to follow.

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the Temple

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