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Welcome in the name of Jesus!

## Centering Prayer

### Song of Praise (UMH) 2032 My Life Is in You, Lord

Sharing of the Peace – please take a moment to greet those around you in the Name of the Lord.

#### \*Call to Worship

L: Me, you, her, him, them, those, the whole family of God: welcome!

**C: Read out some names of those in the congregation. The whole family of God: welcome!**

L: Read out the names of some people from the news this week. The whole family of God: welcome!

**C: A global family, a unique family, a broad family, the whole family of God: welcome! Let us worship.**

#### \*MORNING PRAYER

Parent God, we live in a messy world; a world where people are too busy to make time for each other, a world where we prefer to keep conversations to 150 characters, rather than speak to each other face to face or spend precious time together. The world has more people living on it than ever and yet we spend less and less time with people and more and more time with games and social media. Instead of people being closer we are drifting further and further apart.

This was not why you created us, you want us to live together, to help each other, to be there for each other in all the mess of life. We are sorry for the times we allow ourselves to ignore people or for the times we waste time scrolling through life on a screen rather than engaging with the people and life right in front of us. Forgive us, Lord, remind us that life is short and too important to waste.

Guide us forward, show us where we can use our time wisely, helping other people to find you and to live their lives to the full, as you long for every creature to do. So be it. Amen.

### Hymn of Praise (UMH) 2164 Sanctuary (2 times)

### TIME OF PRAYER (FWS) 2200 O Lord, Hear My Prayer

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)

Abundant God, your gifts to us are wonderful and generous, and we thank you for them all. Please receive the gifts we offer today, our time, our talents and our financial gifts, take them all and use them for the work of your kingdom. Amen.

SCRIPTURE: Ruth 4:1-22 (p. 243), Luke 1:46-55 (p. 57)

## Message

### Closing Hymn (UMH) 467 Trust and Obey

#### Good News

As we go from here, let's pause to remember those who have gone before and those who will be here in the future, those who feel welcome and those who feel excluded, knowing ourselves as inheritors of God may we be moved to hold space for others. We go to serve God by serving all God's children as we work for the kingdom. Amen.

FWS –Faith We Sing                      UMH – United Methodist Hymnal

Please join us for coffee and conversation after  
Worship.

**SERVING THIS WEEK: (8/19/18)**

Greeters: Waneta Nielsen and Meredith Nielsen  
Ushers: Russ Heggie and Jeff Stempien  
Scripture Reader: Meredith Nielsen  
Sunday School: Pam Althouse  
Counters: Pam Althouse and Marilyn James  
Nursery: Chris and Stacy Wyant  
Door Greeter: Matt Fitch  
Fellowship:

**SERVING NEXT WEEK (8/26/18)**

Greeters: Art Miller and Dana Schillinger  
Ushers: Laurie and John Prinzivalli  
Scripture Reader: Sarah Stackhouse  
Sunday School: Marguerite Miller  
Counters: Elly Stempien and Dick Smith  
Nursery: Blanche Fingar and Becci Whitford  
Door Greeter: Erin Brady  
Fellowship: Marilyn Sands and Pam Althouse

**Coming Events**

Next Sunday is Pet Food Collection Sunday. Please bring in cat and dog food for Pet Partners.

**\*Under the back table there are tote bags with activities for kids to use during worship. Please put the bags back when you are finished.**

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