

BLUFF POINT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor, Sandi Perl
Aimee Perry, Choir Director

Elly Stempien, Organist
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WELCOME AND GREETING, ORGAN PRELUDE

***SONG OF PRAISE** #696 "America the Beautiful"

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: "The essence of prayer does not consist in asking God for something but in opening our hearts to God, in speaking with Him, and living with Him in perpetual communion.

C: Prayer is continual abandonment to God. Prayer does not mean asking God for all kinds of things we want; it is rather the desire for God Himself, the only Giver of Life, Prayer is not asking, but union with God.

L: Prayer is not a painful effort to gain from God help in the varying needs of our lives. Prayer is the desire to possess God Himself, the Source of all life.

C: The true spirit of prayer does not consist in asking for blessings, but in receiving Him who is the giver of all blessings, and in living a life of fellowship with Him."

Amen.

Sadhu Sundar Singh

***MORNING PRAYER**

Father God, our hope is Your mercy and grace in Jesus. We understand we pray only by of grace God. Lord, we desperately humble ourselves and acknowledge Your righteous judgment upon our land. Rather than blaming the lost, we acknowledge that judgment and spiritual responsibility begin at the house of God. Lord, please forgive us for substituting endless activities and programs for Your glory and presence. Forgive us for lukewarmness. For the glory of Your holy name we humbly ask for Your mercy upon our churches, nation and world. By Your blood alone, we ask for grace to revive our churches and our lives. Amen.

***SHARING OF THE PEACE** - Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.

HYMN OF PRAISE #698 "God of the Ages"

Independence Day Poem

Blanche Fingar

PARTY WITH THE PREACHER

COMMUNION

PRAYER TIME/PRAYER HYMN #2193 "Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying"

SCRIPTURE READING: Revelation 2:1-5 (Page 245)

MESSAGE

***OFFERTORY/DOXOLOGY/PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Father in Heaven, We thank You today for Your blessings that you bestow upon us all. Father, I pray for our congregation today. May we all give with gladness and sincerity. Father, no one ever gives a present to someone with reluctance and we should never give You what already belongs to You with reluctance either. Bless these tithes and offerings this day. Amen

CLOSING HYMN #431 "Let There Be Peace"

***GOOD NEWS:**

Lord, wake us up! Let us leave here today with a new song in our hearts. We are your disciples on this earth and we need to revive our church and our lives. Give us the CPR we need. Amen.

SHARING GRACE DURING THE WEEK: What do you need to revive in your life – in the name of Jesus? Make a list about how you would hold your revival. Go. Have your revival. Be brace!

POSTLUDE

FWS – Faith We Sing

UMH – United Methodist Hymnal

Please join us for fellowship with our host: Blanche and Dor Fingar

SERVING THIS WEEK (7/3/16)

Greeters: Laurie and John Prinzivalli
Ushers: Blanche and Dor Fingar
Scripture Reader: Meredith Nielsen
Fellowship: Blanche and Dorwin Fingar
Sunday School: Sarah Stackhouse
Nursery: Phil P & Donna J
Counters: Marilyn James and Barb Bailey

SERVING NEXT WEEK (7/10/16)

Greeters: Michele Covert and Sherri Hunt
Ushers: Doug and Terry Fingar
Scripture Reader: Elly Stempein
Fellowship: Shirley Thompson and Harry Burns
Sunday School: Marguerite Miller
Nursery: Blanche Fingar and Doreen Sorensen
Counters: Marilyn James and Linda Folts

Tuesday Noon: Women's Luncheon at Antique Inn.

All women are invited to come and share a meal with one another.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

On the Pastor's Porch – signup sheets are on the table

July 3rd – BRUNCH after church!

July 5th – 11:00am – the super talented Men's choir will meet. If you cannot join us at that time please see Bruce Westerdahl for more information.

July 6th – Concert in the Park – please see Laurie if you can help “man the table”.

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July 3, 2016

COMMUNION

A Great Thanksgiving for Independence Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Almighty God, Creator of the universe,
Ruler of all nations, Judge of all flesh,
you have placed us, your people, in this land made rich
with rivers, forests, mountains, and creatures great and small.

Here, you set before the founders and pioneers of this nation
an opportunity beyond measure
to build a realm of justice, peace, and freedom.

Here you continue to call your people,
freed from the law and baptized into Christ Jesus,
to be a sign of your reign in all the world.

For such a place, such a vision
and such a calling we give you thanks,
praying we may ever join afresh the dreams you set before us
as we join with your people in every land on earth
and with all the company of heaven
in your unceasing praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Above all we give you thanks
for the gift of your Son Jesus Christ,
who sends us into the world
to declare the good news of your kingdom
to every creature:

Justice to all peoples,
good news to the poor,
release for prisoners,
sight for the blind,
and freedom for the oppressed.

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On the night before he was arrested and sentenced to death
by the authorities of his own nation,
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it, gave it to his disciples,
and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you."
When supper was over,
he took the cup, gave thanks, gave it to his disciples,
and said, "Drink from this, all of you;
this is my blood of the covenant
poured out for you and for many,
for the forgiveness of sins."

And so we remember and proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

We pour ourselves out before you in praise and thanksgiving,
a holy and living sacrifice in union with Christ's offering for us.

So pour out your Spirit

on us and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make Christ known to us in the breaking of this bread,
and the sharing of this cup.

Renew our fellowship in him,

that we may be for the world his body

poured out for the world

at this time in this nation,

and at that great banquet in the fullness of your new creation

where justice flows like rivers,

righteousness like an ever-flowing stream,

where none shall hunger or thirst,

neither shall they learn war anymore.

By him, with him, and in him,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all glory and honor is yours, almighty God,

now and ever. Amen.