

BLUFF POINT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor, Sandi Perl
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WELCOME AND GREETING, ORGAN PRELUDE

***SONG OF PRAISE** # 593 Here I Am Lord

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

[Using THE FAITH WE SING, p. 2130, "The Summons", offer the following reading]

Sing verse 1 of "The Summons" p. 2130

L: Well, are you ready? I am calling your name. I need you to go and work for me.

P: Where are we going? How will we get there? Who's going with us? What is the pay scale?

L: I'll let you know when I am ready. Just trust in me. Your payment is always to live in my love.

P: Well, we don't know. It sounds too risky. We might need more convincing.

Pastor: And so they hesitated, wanting reassurance, finding it hard to trust in God.

Sing verse 2 of "The Summons" p. 2130

L: There are lots of people in need who cry out in pain. Some of these people are not very nice, others are lost and lonely. You might not be welcome, and your friends may think that you are crazy for wanting to help. Are you ready to come?

P: Oh, you didn't mention that we would have to work with "undesirables". We aren't sure that we are prepared for that, after all we have other lives to lead.

L: They have prayed long and hard, and I am sending you with my compassionate love to them.

P: This is getting more difficult. At first it just sounded like an adventure, not it is work.

Pastor: And so they wondered if they could do this. They waited and wondered.

Sing verse 4 of "The Summons" p. 2130

L: Let go of your fear. I am calling you and will be with you. Place your trust in me.

P: It's not that easy, Lord. There are so many things that could happen.

L: That's right! Love, Healing, Hope, Faith, Peace...all these things can happen if you are willing to listen for my call and go in my name.

Sing: verse 5 of "The Summons" p. 2130

***MORNING PRAYER**

L: We are a community of faith that has been created by the love of God.

C: We are the people who have been set free by the world of forgiveness in Jesus Christ, and are therefore a people called to reach out to the sojourners in our midst and in other lands, people whose lives cry out for the warm embrace of fellowship.

L: We have come not to exalt our own goodness, but to praise the holiness of God.

C: We have come not to boast of what we have done, but to proclaim the redeeming work of Jesus Christ by extending the hand of community to refugees, the homeless and the hungry. With all our being, we will praise God and tell of God's goodness in our acts of kindness and love toward the "least" among us in our times. Amen

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

Anthem Lord I Come to Your Table
HYMN OF PRAISE #629 "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

PARTY WITH THE PREACHER

Communion

PRAYER TIME/PRAYER HYMN #2200 "O Lord, Hear My Prayer"

SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 12:1, Matthew 9:13

MESSAGE

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

Generous God, we rejoice in your wonderful power! In Christ, you give us the true bread from heaven. You satisfy our spiritual hunger and thirst, filling our hearts with your abundant love. Help us to work not for perishable goods, but for love that endures. May these offerings contribute to your nurturing work in the world. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #641 "Fill My Cup, Lord"

***GOOD NEWS:**

Place your hand in the hand of God. Go forth into this world in complete assurance of God's presence and love. Bring hope, healing, and peace to all whom you meet. Go in peace and may God's peace be with you. AMEN.

POSTLUDE

FWS – Faith We Sing

UMH – United Methodist Hymnal

Please join us for fellowship with our host: Pam Althouse and Michele Covert

SERVING THIS WEEK (8/7/16)

Greeters: Amos and Laura Hammond
Ushers: Chris and Stacy Wyant
Scripture Reader: Barbara Bailey
Fellowship: Pam Althouse
Sunday School: Sarah Stackhouse
Nursery: Terry F & Sonya A
Counters: Elly Stempien and Dick Smith

SERVING THIS WEEK (8/15/16)

Greeters: Waneta Nielsen and Meredith Nielsen
Ushers: Russ Heggie and Jeff Stempien
Scripture Reader: Meredith Nielsen
Fellowship: Joyce Weidrich
Sunday School: Leah Dibble
Nursery: Phil P & Donna J
Counters: Ron Saylor and Marilyn James

Tuesday Noon: Women's Luncheon at Antique Inn.

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

August 7th Did you forget to RSVP for the church picnic today? No problem – please join us!
August 11th – Ad Council Meeting – 7:00pm
August 13th – Fundraising Dinner – BBQ Pulled Pork Dinner – beginning at 4:00pm. More details coming soon.

August 21st – Community Worship at Red Jacket Park – there will not be a service at Bluff Point please join us at Red Jacket Park

August 28th – Join the fun and travel to a New York Yankees Game. See Doug Fingar for details.

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