

## BLUFF POINT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor, Sandi Perl  
Aimee Perry, Choir Director

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### WELCOME AND GREETING, ORGAN PRELUDE

**\*SONG OF PRAISE #2272: "Holy Ground"**

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Wandering in the desert; lost without direction, yet still they sought the One.

**P: We wander in our own wilderness, and still we come, we gather, we seek God.**

L: Here we are, Holy One, come to worship you. Amen.

#### **\*MORNING PRAYER**

**Holy God, unseen, invisible to our eyes and yet present with us in all of creation, in starry skies and glorious sunshine, in oceans and mountains, in forests and fields of flowers, in animals and human beings. Your presence is also found in scripture, in the stories of men and women who came close to you and who you came close to and who also strayed far from you though you never strayed from them or us. Your presence found most fully in Jesus, the man who lived and walked among us and who revealed your love for us.**

**Men:** Lord, your desire is for us to focus our eyes and hearts on you to follow your lead, and yet too often, like those before us we lose our focus, and we turn away, focusing instead on golden calf's, whether they are iPads or football teams, tablets or latest fashions, celebrities or the famous for being rich.

**Lord, forgive us as you forgave your people Israel, help us to realize when we turn from you and to make the effort to return back to you.**

**Women:** Lord, the journey is long we get lost, we get fed up, we get weary, we get fearful, help us to keep our focus on you, to find ways of supporting each other, and helping each other to keep moving forward. **Keep us hopeful and confident, humble and honest, silent and ready to listen for your still small voice in the wind, the fire and the cloud. Amen.**

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

**HYMN OF PRAISE #2196: "We Walk By Faith"**

*Anthem "Psalm 139"*

### PARTY WITH THE PREACHER

**PRAYER TIME/PRAYER HYMN #2200 (FWS) "O Lord, Hear My Prayer"**

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Exodus 32:1-14, Luke 23:34

### MESSAGE

#### **\*OFFERTORY/DOXOLOGY/PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Silver and gold, richest that you have created in the world and in the realm of the internet. Money, money, money. Power, power, power, money and power, these are just some of our golden calves today. We cannot live without money and power, but we can choose how to use it. We offer our money today and ask you to take it and use it to bring power to the powerless, to spread healing and raise people out of poverty, to be put to work to bring equality and justice to our world, to bring your kingdom, here and now. Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN #451: "Be Thou My Vision"**

#### **\*GOOD NEWS:**

**As we leave this place, let God replace our Golden Calves. Place him at the center of all we say and do. Let God guide our lives and our encounters this week. And then we might truly see the blessings he brings. Go with God's love, Jesus' gently care, and the Spirit's breath inspiring this day and all our days. Amen**

Please join us for fellowship with our hosts – John and Laurie Princivalli

FWS – Faith We Sing

UMH – United Methodist Hymnal

**SERVING THIS WEEK (10/9/16)**

Greeters: Trish deMontfort and Ruth Ann MaKatura  
Ushers: Ron and Jane Saylor  
Scripture Reader: Marguerite Miller  
Fellowship: John and Laurie Princivalli  
Sunday School: Sarah Stackhouse  
Nursery: Linda Folts and Sharon Larsen  
Counters: Barbara Bailey and Ron Saylor

**SERVING NEXT WEEK (10/16/16)**

Greeters: Sharon Larsen and Linda Folts  
Ushers: Dick Smith and Ernie Pinneo  
Scripture Reader: Bruce Westerdahl  
Fellowship: Gene and Marilyn James  
Sunday School: Leah Dibble  
Nursery: Phil P & Sherri H  
Counters: Ron Saylor and Barb Bailey

**Tuesday Noon: Women's Luncheon at Antique Inn.**

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

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**Bible Study** – 10:00am Wednesday at church.

**Contact Us**

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**Note**

**This is space to note announcements and sermon thoughts**

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