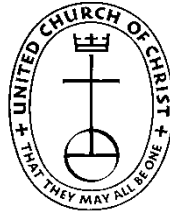


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Please respond with words in **bold** print.

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## WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BELLS CALL US INTO SILENT REVERENCE.

THE CANDLES ARE LIT TO LIGHT OUR WAY INTO WORSHIP.

PRELUDE: "Great is the Lord" Michael W. Smith

\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: Come, children of God, to sing a new song,  
clap your hands and shout for joy.

**MANY: Jesus is our good news, our joy, and our salvation.**

One: In steadfast joy and faithfulness God has done  
marvelous things.

**MANY: God raised Jesus from the dead; Christ is alive and  
at work among us.**

One: The ends of the earth turn to God,  
all families of nations worship our Creator.

**MANY: Christ is the vine; we are the branches.  
Apart from Christ we can do nothing.**

**ALL: Let us join together in grateful praise for our Creator  
God, Jesus our Savior, and the Holy Spirit who  
moves and breathes in us. Amen.**

ANTHEM: "Great and Awesome God" - Mark Hayes

\*CALL TO CONFESSION:

\*SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION:

\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Let us pray

**We confess, O God, that we are accustomed to having our  
own way. Our abundance has tricked us into believing that  
we are independent, self-sustaining creatures. Yet, when our  
ingenuity solves one problem, a dozen more seem to take its  
place. We need help to understand, to be reconnected, to be  
truly productive. We need your love and forgiveness in order**

**to live with ourselves, and with one another. Help us, God!  
Amen**

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:

\*GLORIA: #759

**Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit, Three-in-One;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL:

SECOND TESTAMENT READINGS: Acts 8:26-40 Lay Liturgist  
1 John 4:7-21 Lay Liturgist

\*GOSPEL READING: John 15:1-17 Pastor Rosemary

SERMON: "Abiding Together"

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE: #99 "Abide With Me":

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:

*You are invited to pray each week for a specific family or individual from our Congregation, in addition to those on our prayer list. Today we lift up in prayer **Barb Whitaker & family**. Prayers for healing: **Darleen Bax, Barbara Moran, Ardella Morris, Russ Hartmann & Alan Canterbury**.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed it be your 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

PRAYER RESPONSE: #773

**Remember me, remember me, O Jesus remember me.**

OFFERING OF GIFTS, TITHES AND SELVES

OFFERTORY: "My Jesus, I Love Thee"

Lani Smith

\*DOXOLOGY: # 780

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, you heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION:**

**We give to tell the world your good news in Christ. As you have loved us, we give ourselves in love for all your people. May we glorify you through our discipleship. Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN: #391 “In the Midst of New Dimensions”**

**\*BENEDICTION:**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE: #393 First Verse**

**Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.  
The sharing of a common life is like to that above.**

**POSTLUDE “To God Be the Glory” William H. Doane**

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***Participants in worship today***

**Pastor** – Pastor Rosemary Captain

**Organist** – Sharon Banjavcic

**Lector** - Jim Eisenhauer

**Ushers** – Urban & Mary Lou Baum

***Activities of the church:***

**Tuesday** – Boy Scouts

**Wednesday** – 9 am Cleaning of church pews ( bring bucket & rags)

Bible study & dinner 6 p.m.