



Sunday, August 15, 2021



Prelude *Aria* G.F. Handel
Velda Graham Bell, organ

Movements I and II from Sonata III J.B. Loeillet
Melanie Sever and Dawn Silvestrini, flute duet

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Jeanine Alexander

*** Call to Worship** Jojo Coffin-Langdon, director of family ministries

- One: We are here to connect our hearts and souls with the creator of the universe.
- All: Here we are, Lord, lead us!**
- One: We are here to learn the values and priorities of Jesus and follow in his ways.
- All: Here we are, Lord, lead us!**
- One: We are here to invite the Spirit to breathe hope and healing into us, so that we might have life and share it with others.
- All: Here we are, Lord, lead us!**

*** Hymn** *Here I Am, Lord* UM Hymnal #593

Recognition and Appreciation of Ministry Pastor Jeanine Alexander and Linda Wiig
Bob Barnidge – mowing ministry
June Kreutzkampf – lay pastor ministry

Anthem *“The Rejoicing” from Royal Fireworks Suite* G.F. Handel, arr. Martha Lynn Thompson
Strikepoint sextet: Bill Alexander, Derek Bromme, Nancy Eaton,
Riley Hinnenkamp, Ben Hintzman, Pamela Nelson

Morning Prayer Kelby Werner, pastoral intern

Prayer of Confession (All): Gracious God, Jesus taught us to love you with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We confess that in our own self-focus we don’t always show love to you and others. Forgive us when we fail to live out love. Give us humble hearts that love in the way of Jesus. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (One): While it is true that we miss the mark in having the mind-set of Jesus, it is a greater truth that through God’s love in Jesus Christ we are forgiven and given new opportunity. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven, healed and freed to be all that God has created you to be.

Prayers of Concern and Celebration

Jesus’ Prayer - contemporary paraphrase by Mark Berry

O Breathing Life, your Name shines everywhere! Release a space to plant your Presence here. Imagine your possibilities now. Embody your desire in every light and form. Grow through us this moment’s bread and wisdom. Untie the knots of failure binding us, as we release the strands we hold of others’ faults. Help us not forget our Source, yet free us from not being in the present. From you arises every vision, power and song from gathering to gathering. May our future actions grow from here! Amen!

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Scripture Reading Pastor Cynthia Coffin-Langdon

Galatians 5:22-26

From The New International version of the Bible: But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is

no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

From The Message paraphrase of the Bible: But what happens when we live God's way? God brings gifts into our lives, much the same way that fruit appears in an orchard – things like affection for others, exuberance about life, serenity. We develop a willingness to stick with things, a sense of compassion in the heart, and a conviction that a basic holiness permeates things and people. We find ourselves involved in loyal commitments, not needing to force our way in life, able to marshal and direct our energies wisely. Legalism is helpless in bringing this about; it only gets in the way. Among those who belong to Christ, everything connected with getting our own way and mindlessly responding to what everyone else calls necessities is killed off for good – crucified. Since this is the kind of life we have chosen, the life of the Spirit, let us make sure that we do not just hold it as an idea in our heads or a sentiment in our hearts, but work out its implications in every detail of our lives. That means we will not compare ourselves with each other as if one of us were better and another worse. We have far more interesting things to do with our lives. Each of us is an original.

Anthem	Adagio from Sonata No. I Melanie Sever and Dawn Silvestrini, flute duet	J.B. Loeillet
Sermon	A Fruitful Inventory	Pastor Jeanine Alexander
* Hymn	Sent Out in Jesus' Name	The Faith We Sing #2184 (sing twice)
Commissioning of Kelby Werner		Pastor Jeanine Alexander
Benediction		Pastor Jeanine Alexander
Postlude	Fantasia in C Major Velda Graham Bell, organ	J.S. Bach

* Please stand as you are comfortable.



Announcements

Please fill out the connect cards each week. At least for now, they are replacing the pew pads. Keeping attendance and making sure the church has your current contact information is an important part of the church records. **On the back of the card**, you will find a list of ministry opportunities, places where your help can make a difference! These opportunities will change often, so check them out each week and please sign up where you can.

Fellowship time following the service will be held outdoors in the east parking lot, weather permitting. There will be lemonade and water to enjoy while you visit with others.

Mark your calendars for the final parking lot concert Wednesday, August 18: Acoustic Ingeborg (you may know her as Hillside UMC's Emma Rustan) will be performing at 6:30pm. Paul Sapyta's Room at the Table food truck will serve a special menu beginning at 6:00. Freewill offerings will be taken for both the concert and the food. Chairs available, or bring your own. Raindate is Wednesday, August 25.

Thank you to Ann Gumpper, Sue Kurth, and Tom Wiig for leading hymns today.

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