

Weekly Worship

love all • live spiritually • rejoice in hope • show hospitality

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Community Prayer

God our deliverer, you walk with the meek and the poor, the compassionate and those who mourn, and you call us to walk humbly with you. When we are foolish, be our wisdom; when we are weak, be our strength; that as we learn to do justice and to love mercy, your rule may come as blessing.

Amen.

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Call to Worship

Feel free to follow along with our Call to Worship from the live-streamed worship service on Sunday.

One: To a society that lives in the shadowed recesses of doubt and fear,

Many: God calls us to be light.

One: To a world where every appetite is fed until there is no taste to life,

Many: God calls us to be salt.

One: To a time when loyalties are discarded as easily as the clothes we wear,

All: God calls us to be faithful.

Reflection From Pastor Kara Hillhouse "This Little Light of Mine."

Each and every one of us: no matter how young, no matter how old; no matter our strengths or our weaknesses—are asked to be light to a world still in darkness: a light for God. Not that we make the light within us—we reflect the light that comes from God to all of God's creation. Like the moon, we create no light of our own, and yet we are meant to shine with the Light of Christ in our hearts, as we reflect His love, His hope, His message of forgiveness, grace, and redemption to all people. We reflect the light of the Son, Jesus, our Lord and source of all goodness. How do we be the light? Join Pastor Kara Hillhouse for worship and her message, "This Little Light of Mine" and explore the possibilities!

Adult Sunday School Class

Each Sunday at 8:45 a.m. you are invited to join others in the library to discuss "The Wired Word".



"The Wired Word" links news of the week to relatable scripture passages.

No homework or preparation involved!

Kristi Bowker leads the study and if you have any questions you can email her at bkbowker@gmail.com

If you're interested in being added to the weekly email version contact the church office.

The Finance Team invites you to coffee fellowship Feb. 5 to celebrate a successful year of giving for 2022. Last year our faithful stewards stepped up to make certain that financial contributions to our ministry exceeded expenses so we'll say thanks with cake and other goodies.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 112:1-10

Praise the Lord!

Happy are those who fear the Lord, who greatly delight in his

commandments.

Their descendants will be mighty in the land;

the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.

They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;

they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

It is well with those who deal generously and lend,

who conduct their affairs with justice. For the righteous will never be moved;

they will be remembered forever. They are not afraid of evil tidings;

their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord. Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid;

in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.

They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor;

their righteousness endures forever; their horn is exalted in honor.

The wicked see it and are angry;

they gnash their teeth and melt away; the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.

Matthew 5:13-20

"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Prayers & Praises February 5, 2023

In Our Church Family:

- Marvin Thurber
- William Deterding
- Vic Burgess
- Jessica Vocasek
- Relda Lathrop
- Susan Pallas-Duncan
- Rae-Hope Putney
- Polly Putney

Donna Baker

- Lois Frogge Joan Dietrich
- Joan Diethen
- Mildred Brockemeyer
- Bobbi Carlin
- Karen Moritz

Relatives:

- Friends and Family of Vic Burgess
- Kevin Pinneo, healing prayers following knee replacement. Husband of Carla Pinneo

Friends:

- Cedric Gibb, healing prayers, friend of Cec Burkhart
- Carson Mousel, grandson of Bob and Eileen Kunz, from Mildred Brockemeyer

Our Timothys:

- Bruce Frogge at Cypress Creek CC in Spring, TX
- Glenda Dietrich Moore, Creative Arts Ministry in Lincoln, NE

In the Nebraska Region:

• Bellevue Christian Church and Rev. Michael Lincoln

Our Global Ministries Missionaries:

• Missionaries serving in Costa Rica

Find more information and stories about our Global Ministry partners at <u>www.globalministries.org</u>



Song of the Week

<u>Feed Us, Lord</u> Text: Greg Scheer, 2007

Feed us, Lord. Feed us, Lord. In the broken bread, be revealed again. Come and feed our hearts, O Lord.

Quench us, Lord. Quench us, Lord. On this thirsty ground, may your love flow down. Come and quench our hearts, O Lord.

Fill us, Lord. Fill us, Lord, with the bread and wine of the risen Christ. Come and fill our hearts, O Lord.

Lead us, Lord. Lead us, Lord, nourished here by Christ, given strength for life. Come and lead our hearts, O Lord.