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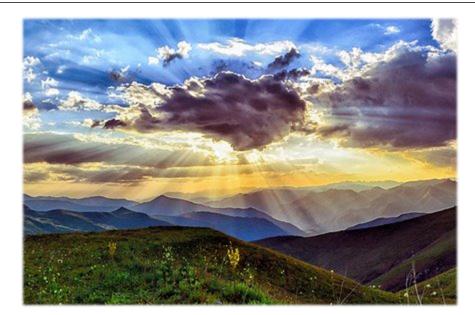
Weekly Worship

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

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Week of June 4th, 2023



Public Worship will be held at 10:30 am Sunday morning.

Community Prayer

God, whose fingers sculpt sun and moon and curl the baby's ear; Spirit, brooding over chaos before the naming of day; Savior, sending us to earth's ends with water and words: startle us with the grace, love, and communion of your unity in diversity, that we may live to the praise of your majestic name.

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: Called to be faithful stewards of creation we come to worship:

Many: to sing to the One who has created all. One: Called to proclaim the good news of Easter, we come:

Many: to be taught by the Spirit who moves in and through us.

Sermon From The Rev. Kara Hillhouse "With You Always"

In the gospel of Matthew, the story of the Great Commission comes immediately after Jesus' resurrection. It's the very end of that particular gospel. In his Great Commission of the disciples, Jesus greets them for the first time after his resurrection and bids them go out, out, out into the world spreading the Good News to all. That's quite a tall order for this slightly-stunned, uncertain group of men and women. After all, they've just witnessed the death of their faithful friend and Lord Jesus, and now he's standing before them--alive--giving them this task. But Jesus doesn't leave them empty-handed. He adds the words we all know by heart: "And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." With those few words, Jesus makes the suddenly impossible possible. The same words are a promise for us today, as we go about the tall task of loving our neighbors and spreading the Good News. We hope you'll join us for worship this Sunday, for a rejuvenating time of Music, Sacrament and the Word.



Scripture Reading

Psalm 8

To the leader: according to The Gittith. A Psalm of David.

O Lord, our Sovereign,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,

to silence the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,

the moon and the stars that you have established;

what are human beings that you are mindful of them,

mortals that you care for them?

Yet you have made them a little lower than God,

and crowned them with glory and honor. You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;

you have put all things under their feet, all sheep and oxen,

and also the beasts of the field,

the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the

seas.

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how majestic is your name in all the earth!

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, "Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water." 'Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Matthew 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

Prayers & Praises June 4, 2023

In Our Church Family:

- Marvin Thurber
- William Deterding
- Vic Burgess
- Jessica Vocasek
- Relda Lathrop
- Bobbi Carlin
- Rae-Hope Putney

- Donna Baker
- Polly Putney
- Lois Frogge
- Joan Dietrich
- Mildred Brockemeyer
- Karen Moritz
- Tito Vigan, Sarah Mason's husband, is slowly gaining movement after suffering from a spinal stroke.

Relatives:

• Friends and Family of Vic Burgess

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:

Cotner College Education for LDSP Ministries

Our Global Ministries Missionaries:

• A Elga Joan Sarapung serving in Indonesia

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Song of the Week

This Is My Father's World Text: Maltbie D. Babcock 1901

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world. O, let me ne'er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet. This is my Father's world. The battle is not done: Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heaven be one.

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