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Weekly Worship

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

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Community Prayer

In your compassionate love, O God,
you nourish us with the words of life and
bread of blessing.

Grant that Jesus may calm our fears
and move our hearts to praise your good-
ness by sharing our bread with others.
Amen.

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Call to Worship

One: We come to God this day, the One who
names each of us as a beloved child.

Many: Here, in these moments together, we
would recognize God dwelling in us.

One: We come to Christ this day, the One
whose love is the bedrock of our lives.

Many: Here in this place of glory and grace,
we would understand the One who
calls us to faith.

Sermon

From The Rev. Kara Hillhouse

The Miracle of Generous Living

The miracles of Jesus' Resurrection and the Feeding of the Five Thousand are the only two miracles recorded in all four gospels. Above all of the other miracles, these two rise, because they have something important that all four gospel writers wanted to share. I think that's significant. Obviously the Resurrection story is important, as it defines us as a Resurrection People. It cemented God's love for us in the shape of a cross and an empty tomb, and this changed everything. But the feeding of the 5,000? That story teaches us about generosity, and generosity is a fundamental Christian quality. Our generosity is a minuscule reflection of God's giant generousities to us each and every day, above all through his son Jesus Christ. Join us for worship this Sunday as we explore what a miracle living generously is. Be rejuvenated by a time of music, fellowship and the Lord's Supper. We'll see you at First!



Scripture Readings

Ephesians 3:14-21

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.



John 6:1-21

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

Prayers & Praises

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Song of the week

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Refrain: You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat; come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

1 As when the shepherd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice, so when you call your family, Lord, we follow and rejoice.

[Refrain]

2 With joyful lips we sing to you our praise and gratitude that you should count us worthy, Lord, to share this heavenly food.

[Refrain]

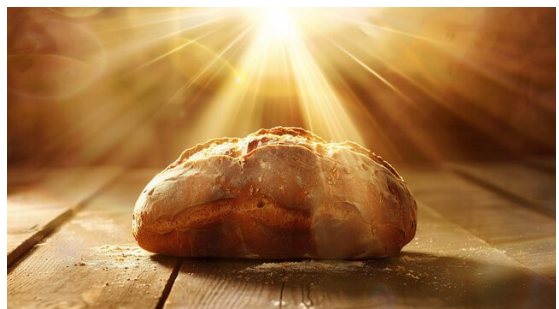
3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ outpoured? Do not one cup, one loaf, declare our oneness in the Lord?

[Refrain]

4 The mystery of your presence, Lord, no mortal tongue can tell: whom all the world cannot contain comes in our hearts to dwell.

[Refrain]

5 You give yourself to us, O Lord; then selfless let us be, to serve each other in your name in truth and charity. [Refrain]



In Our Church Family:

- Donna Baker
- Rhonda Ball
- John Burkhart
- Bobbi Carlin
- Mike Carlin
- Jim Christ
- Joan Dietrich
- Ron Hile
- Phyllis Knosp
- Polly Putney
- Rae-Hope Putney
- Marvin Thurber
- Phyllis Thurber
- Jessica Vocasek

Our sympathy to Ron Hile and family. Sharon Hile passed away July 16th and a private funeral was held in our Chapel July 20th.

Donna Baker, recently diagnosed with a form of cancer behind her ear. Donna has started a series of treatments.

Friends:

- John Burkhart, husband of Cecilia Burkhart is being treated for cancer behind his voice box.
- Tammy Foral, healing, patience and strength as facing many health issues. Co-worker of Sara Lugn.
- Cedric Gibb, healing prayers, friend of Cec Burkhart.

Our Timothy:

- Rev. Bruce Frogge, Cypress Creek CC in Spring, TX

In the Nebraska Region: North Side Christian Church, Omaha - Jonathan Wilhoft

Our Global Ministries Missionaries: Serving the Marshall Islands

“We pray for the Jarin Rarik Dron, or United Church of Christ in the Marshall Islands, as it meets the needs and fears of its church members. Thank you for their ministry and mission in Micronesia and around the world, and bless their endeavor to reconnect and rebuild their relationships with the United Church of Christ in Japan.”

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