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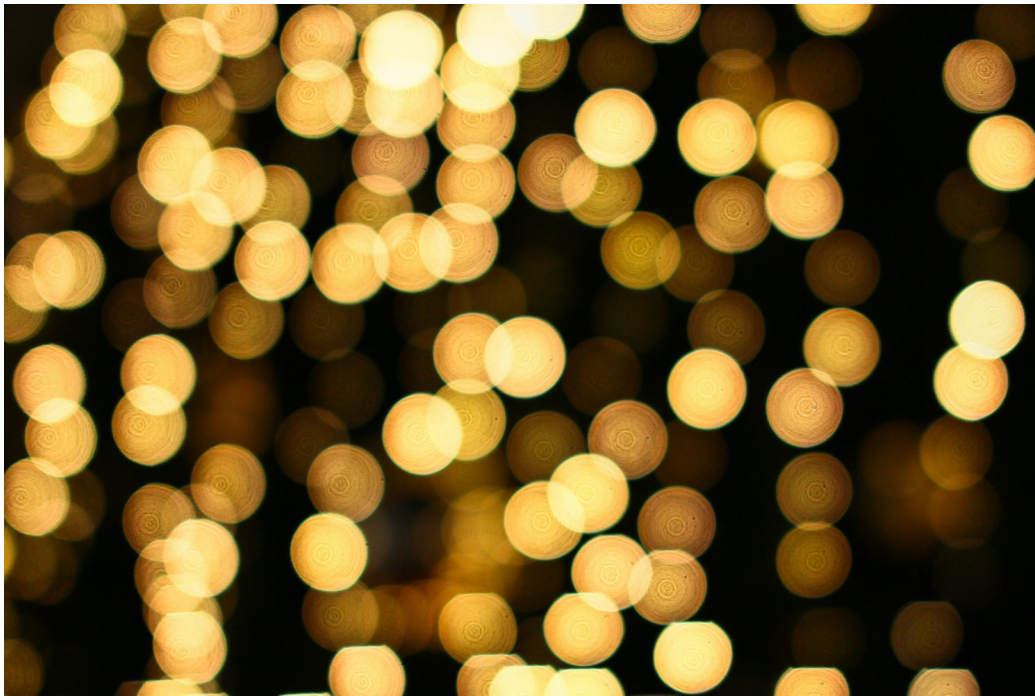
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Weekly Worship

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

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Community Prayer

O God of light, your searching Spirit reveals and illumines your presence in creation. Shine your radiant holiness into our lives, that we may offer our hands and hearts to your work: to heal and shelter, to feed and clothe, to break every yoke and silence evil tongues. Amen.

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Call to Worship

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 to be discarded as easily as the clothes we wear,

Many: God calls us to be faithful.

Sermon

From The Rev. Kara Hillhouse

Matthew 5: 13-20

Boldly Go

In college I was a huge "Star Trek: The Next Generation" fan. I'd watch it from my dorm room every week. At the start of each episode, these words are spoken: "Space... The final frontier. These are the voyages of the starship Enterprise. Its continuing mission, to explore strange new worlds. To seek out new life and new civilizations. To boldly go where no one has gone before." It's inspiring, but it isn't really original, because Jesus told us to "boldly go" long before space ships were even invented. When he said, "you are the salt of the earth" and "you are the light of the world" and "let your light shine before others," Jesus was telling us to live boldly for his Good News, and to share it far and wide. It's the Great Commission. Join us Sunday, for a time of listening to God's Word, praying for the wisdom and guidance we need to "boldly go," and being filled with the beauty of worshipping our loving, redeeming Savior. We'll see you Sunday!

Pastor Kara



Scripture Reading

Psalms 112:1-9

“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.”

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 hid. 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 fulfill. 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 8, 2026



In Our Church Family:

- Donna Baker
- Cec Burkhardt
- Jim Christ
- Joan Dietrich
- Ron Hile
- Debby Ortega
- Polly Putney
- Bob Throop
- Marvin Thurber
- Phyllis Thurber
- Jessica Vocasek
- Roger Vocasek

Prayers for the Bowker family, in the death of Kristi's sister, Laurie Aufdemberge, from breast cancer.

Prayers for Cec Burkhardt, who continues to recover at home from a broken hip after several falls.

Prayers for Ron Hile. He has returned home after a stay in the hospital and Eastmont after several falls.

Prayers for Debby Ortega. She is home after surgery on her arm following an accident in a parking lot where she was hit by a vehicle.

Prayers for Bob Throop. He is home after a stay at the Heart Hospital and is doing Cardiac Rehab. He will have a procedure to place a second lead into his pacemaker to help his heart function better on Feb. 25th.

Prayers for Jim Christ as he continues to gain strength with cardiac rehabilitation.

Prayers for Roger & Jessica Vocasek. They both have health issues.

Prayers for Katelyn Long. Katelyn is continuing to work with a specialist.

Friends:

- Ron Collamore, *prayers for his health.*

Our Timothy:

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

In the Nebraska Region: Bethany Christian Church, Lincoln - Eileen Kunz (Interim)

When Morning Gilds the Skies

When morning gilds the skies, my heart
awaking cries: may Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I
find: may Jesus Christ be praised! Or fades
my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this: may
Jesus Christ be praised!

Let earth's wide circle round in joyful notes
resound: may Jesus Christ be praised! Let air
and sea and sky from depth to height reply:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine:
may Jesus Christ be praised! Be this the
eternal song through all the ages long: may
Jesus Christ be praised!



Our Global Ministries Missionaries in: Mozambique

"We pray for our country, which is being destroyed by war, our Mozambican brothers and sisters, deceived by other external forces, Islamic states, and others who kill and plunder the property of the population in the north of the country, in Cabo Delgado. We pray for the UCCM projects in rural areas in the communities of Guara-guara, Masquil, Inharongue, Dondo and Nhamatanda. We pray for the Spirit of Peace and Reconciliation among our Mozambican brothers and sisters. We pray for national unity among political parties. Amen."

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