



WEEKLY WORSHIP

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

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Community Prayer

God, our beloved, you set before us the goal of new life in Christ. May we live in the power of his resurrection and bring forth the fruit of your gentle and loving rule. Amen.

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Call to Worship

One: The heavens tell the glory of God!

Many: God’s commandments are right and clear.

One: The creation tells the glory of God!

Many: God’s expectations are pure and righteous.

One: The people tell the glory of God!

Many: Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, Holy One, our rock and redeemer.

Sermon

From The Rev. Kara Hillhouse

Hebrews 12:1-3

Finish Strong

Hebrews 12:1-3

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart.”



Scripture Reading

Psalm 19

“The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy. Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat. The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults. Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.”



*“Let the words of my mouth,
and the meditation of my heart,
be acceptable in thy sight,
O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer.”
Psalm 19:14 (KJV)*

Prayers & Praises

October 4, 2026



In Our Church

Family:

- Donna Baker
- Cec Burkhart
- John Burkhart
- Joan Dietrich
- Polly Putney
- Bob Throop
- Marvin Thurber
- Phyllis Thurber
- Jessica Vocasek
- Roger Vocasek

Prayers for Rev. Bruce Frogge, Stephanie Frogge's brother, who has been diagnosed with a serious bone marrow disease. Further genetics testing is in progress to determine type and treatment plan.

Prayers for Jim Christ's nephew, Dennis Christ, who has been moved to a hospital in San Francisco, CA, for further testing on the infectious disease he is battling.

Prayers for healing for Vince Ortega's sister, Linda De Los Santos, who has been diagnosed with liver cancer.

Prayers for Marvin and Phyllis Thurber, who have moved to Salt Creek Senior Living.

Prayers for Diane Zabokrtsky's mom, Elaine Clayton, who was in the hospital and has returned home.

Prayers for John Burkhardt, who is recovering from heart rhythm issues.

Prayers for Cec Burkhart for continued healing.

Prayers for Bob Throop for the sale of his former home before the end of the year.

Prayers for Roger Vocasek as he looks for a job.

Prayers for Jessica Stehlik-Vocasek for her health issues.

Prayers for Katelyn Long for continued healing and strength.

Our Timothy

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

In the Nebraska Region: Center on Church Development - Lisa Sherman

Our Global Ministries in: Sri Lanka

Song of the Week

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee. Thou
changest not; thy compassions they fail not. As
thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy
faithfulness! Morning by morning, new mercies I
see. All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join
with all nature in manifold witness to thy great
faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy
faithfulness! Morning by morning, new mercies I
see. All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine
own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for
tomorrow: blessings all mine, with ten thousand
beside!

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy
faithfulness! Morning by morning, new mercies I
see. All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

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"Gracious and loving God, we remember those longing to return to their homes within the High Security Zones. Grant them justice, peace, and restoration. Comfort all who mourn the loss of loved ones through war, disasters, and the recent Dithwa cyclone. Heal their hearts and renew their hope. Bless the Church of the American Ceylon Mission (CACM), its pastors, leaders, volunteers, and partner congregations. Amen."

OCTOBER

Call to Confession

One:

All too often, we tell God we will do better, and be better, and then just go on living the same way we always have. Let this be the moment when we tell God of our faithlessness and failures, so we can start again and be renewed. Join me as we pray together:

Prayer of Confession

Many:

As you know, Healing God, we stand on the edge of your promises, yet cannot seem to let ourselves cross over into the life you intend for us. Despite the misguided ways of the world, we cling to it and resist your call to follow a different path. Forgive us, Lord, and have mercy upon us. When we continue to do what is wrong, because what is right is unknown and scary, give us courage. Guide us on the paths of righteousness, so that we might delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name.

Good News of God's Grace

One:

Persistently, patiently, lovingly, God pours out grace and joy into our lives, healing our brokenness, forgiving our sins.

Many:

Loved, we are sent to love; forgiven, we are told to forgive; freed, we are called to set free. Thanks be to God. Amen.



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