



WEEKLY WORSHIP

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

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Community Prayer

Almighty God, your Son has shown us how to love one another. May our love for you overflow into joyous service and be a healing witness to our neighbors through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Call to Worship

One: We gather here to worship God.

Many: We are here, with heart, soul and mind.

One: We gather here as Christ's body.

Many: We are neighbors, learning how to love each other.

One: The Holy Spirit gathers us in to be sent out again.

Many: We are here to worship and to be transformed.

Sermon

From The Rev. Robin Blakemore

Joel 2:23-29

Dreaming the Long Way Round

We Welcome the Rev. Robin Blakemore to the Pulpit

This week our guest preacher is the Reverend Robin Blakemore. Reverend Blakemore serves as the Regional Minister for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Nebraska, accompanying congregations through seasons of change, renewal, and discernment. Drawn to the threshold work of the church—the letting go, reimagining, and becoming—she came to faith in Alabama across Catholic, Pentecostal, and United Methodist communities and has spent more than two decades in youth, college, camping, and regional ministry. She believes the church comes alive when people bring their whole selves to the Table with courage, generosity, and a little holy joy. Outside of ministry, she loves reading, tending anything willing to grow in the dirt, traveling with her husband Stan, and time with their adult children Linnea and Kallan.

Joel 2:23-29

“O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army that I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame. Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit.”



Scripture Reading

Exodus 13:17-18,21-22

“When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines, although that was nearer; for God thought, ‘If the people face war, they may change their minds and return to Egypt.’ So God led the people by the roundabout way of the wilderness toward the Red Sea. The Israelites went up out of the land of Egypt prepared for battle. The Lord went in front of them in a pillar of cloud by day, to lead them along the way, and in a pillar of fire by night, to give them light, so that they might travel by day and by night. Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people.”

Psalms 90:1-6, 13-17

“Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. You turn us back to dust and say, ‘Turn back, you mortals.’ For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past or like a watch in the night. You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning; in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers. Turn, O Lord! How long? Have compassion on your servants! Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us and as many years as we have seen evil. Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children. Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands— O prosper the work of our hands!”

*“Satisfy us in
the morning*

**WITH YOUR UNFAILING
LOVE, THAT WE MAY
sing for joy and
be glad all
OUR DAYS.”**
Psalm 90:14



Prayers & Praises

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Song of the Week

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing. Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing, were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he. Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us. The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him. His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure. One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth. The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth. Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also. The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still. His kingdom is forever.

Our Global Ministries in: Germany

"God, we ask you to help us find clear words and mindful expressions with which to speak about what we are committed to. Help us to continue the discussion and demonstrate through our actions, involvement, and example what the consequences of your commandment should be today and tomorrow. Let us translate into action and words the fact that your son excluded no one from the neighbourhood. Amen."

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In Our Church

Family:

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

Sympathy for Rhonda Ball in the death of her brother-in-law Tom McBride and *prayers for her son, Andy Ball*, recently diagnosed with bladder cancer and is receiving treatment.

Prayers and sympathy for Elaine Parman, in the death of her brother Ed Gilmore.

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.

Friends:

- Ron Collamore, *prayers for his health*.

Our Timothy

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

In the Nebraska Region: Burwell First Congregational UCC - Shelby Moock

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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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