

“Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.” Isaiah 40:31

GATHERING MUSIC

Dr. Bill Holda

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

“Blest Are They”

DAVID HAAS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Thank you, God, for gathering us. Remind us again of your love.

The good news of the gospel is this:

**the God of all creation came to dwell among us,
but we crucified this revelation of sacrificial love.**

God went to the depths of hell to gather us all.

In Christ’s resurrection, we are drawn again to the presence of God.

This is good news for all who hear. Let us worship God.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

***HYMN – No. 482**

“Baptized in Water”

BUNESSAN

***CALL TO AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy and merciful God, in your presence, we confess our sinfulness,
our shortcomings, and our offenses against you.**

**We know our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide,
and too deep to undo.**

**Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,**

and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.

**Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future
in which we can be changed, and grant us grace to grow more and more
in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.**

(A time for silent confession and reflection)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?

Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,

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Christ reigns in power for us; Christ prays for us.
Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
The old life has gone, and our new life has begun.
Know that we are forgiven and be at peace.
Amen.

As God's people, be merciful in action, kindly in heart, and humble in mind.
Be always ready to forgive as freely as God has forgiven you.
And, above everything else, be loving, and never forget to be thankful
for what Christ has done for you.

**Hear the teaching of Christ: A new commandment I give to you,
that you love one another as I have loved you.**

***SHARING IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

(Time for greeting one another in fellowship and peace)

ENGAGING WITH THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

reader, Alan Peters

O Lord our God, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.
Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, so that we may be obedient
to your will and live forever for your glory through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE TEXTS

Hebrew Lesson: Psalm 92

Holy wisdom, holy words.
Thanks be to God.

Epistle Lesson: I Corinthians 12:27-31

And the Word became flesh and lived among us.
Full of Grace and Truth, thanks be to God.

HYMN– No. 348

“Lo, He Come with Clouds Descending”

HEMSLEY

Gospel Lesson: Luke 6:1-26

Now God has spoken to us through Jesus Christ the Son.
Thanks be to you, O Christ; Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Apostles to the Plain!”

Rev. David F. Judd

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH- A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH - PC(USA)**

In life and in death we belong to God.

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God,
the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.**

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

**Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

**In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry,
God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.
Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
God is faithful still.**

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

**In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples
to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

*HYMN – No. 581

“Glory Be To the Father”

GIVE THANKS UNTO THE LORD

CALL FOR OFFERING TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

O God, the light of the hearts that see you, the life of the souls that love you, the strength of the thoughts that seek you: to turn from you is to fall, to turn to you is to rise, to abide in you is to stand fast forever.

Although we are unworthy to approach you or ask anything at all of you, grant us your grace and blessing for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

(Additional Prayers are offered)

**Generous God, we thank you for all your blessings.
Use these gifts we offer as a sign of your great love for the world
so that all may know and share the abundance of your grace;
in your holy name we pray. Amen.**

HYMN – No. 609

“Doxology”

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

***THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

GOING FORTH TO LIVE THE WORD

***HYMN – No. 354**

“Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory”

BATTLE HYMN

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

“God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand”

NATIONAL HYMN

Welcome friends! May the welcome you feel here be worthy of the gracious God that we serve. In this service, an asterisk (*) invites you to stand as health allows. Material printed in **bold** is for the congregation to sing or say. Let us worship God!

Wednesday Night Live dinner is served at 6 p.m. Please call or email the church office by noon on Tuesday. The cost is \$10 for adults, with reduced prices for children. This week's menu includes smothered hamburger steak, a side, salad, dessert, and a drink.

A **congregational meeting** will be held next Sunday, February 9, following the worship service to receive the 2025 Budget and hear reports from each Ministry Group.

LCM 2025 “Souper” Bowl of Caring Food Drive runs through next Sunday, February 9. Drop off canned goods, non-perishable items, or monetary donations to help support those in need in our community.

♥ Valentine’s Dinner ♥ Join us at Roma’s Grill on **Friday, February 14th**, for an evening of friendship and fellowship. The event is Dutch treat. More details soon!

Rev. Sheila Willis will preach at the worship service on **Sunday, February 16th** in Pastor David’s absence.