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9:00 a.m. Worship Service

August 20, 2017

Celebration of Worship

Welcome

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*Opening Song Thou Art Worthy #2041

*Welcome and Greeting

**Indicates congregation standing as able*

*Call to Worship (from Psalm 133)

L: We have gathered from our different places to worship here.

P: How good it is to worship together in unity!

L: We come from our different occupations, our diverse activities.

P: How good it is to worship together in unity!

L: We come as unique individuals, bound together in the love of Christ.

P: How good it is to worship together in unity!

(exchange words and signs of peace)

*Hymn My Faith Looks Up to Thee #452

Morning Prayer (together)

You have drawn us together this day from a variety of backgrounds, experiences, hopes, and dreams, Lord. Be with us as together we experience your presence and your healing love. Open our hearts and our spirits to receive strength, encouragement, and peace. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

Children's Sermon

Children are invited to come to the front to spend some time with the pastor. Afterwards, the children (ages 3-10) may go to children's church, although children are always welcome to stay in the sanctuary.

Registration, Announcements and Joys & Concerns Dan Salzwedel

Please sign the registration notebook when it is passed along your row. A tan card is available for prayer concerns that you would like to have added to our weekly prayer list or email distribution.

Pastoral Prayer

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Special Music Oceans Michelle Grutzik

Scripture Matthew 15:10-28

Message Dogs Pastor Mills

Invitation to the Offering (Psalm 133)

Our hearts are overflowing with your love, O God:
like precious oil that cascades down on the beards of old;
like the rains that shower down upon your creation.

Guide us now, as we share with others the abundance of our joy.

We pray that you will give us the vision to use our blessings to offer hope to others.
In Christ's name we pray and act. Amen.

Offering

Offertory

*Doxology Hymnal No. 95

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

Hymn O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee #430

Benediction