



Assisting in Worship Today:

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9:00 a.m. Worship Service

January 14, 2018

Celebration of Worship

Welcome

**Indicates congregation standing as able*

*Opening Song “Glorify thy Name” #2016

*Welcome and Greeting Dan Salzwedel

Call to Worship:

L: Here we are, Lord!

P: You have seen us and known us from before the beginning.

L: Here we are, Lord!

P: Jesus, you have called us to this place.

L: Here we are, Lord!

P: Gracious Holy Spirit, inspire our hearts with courage and joy. AMEN.

*Hymn “Would We See Jesus” #256

* Morning Prayer (together)

Awesome God, you knew us before we were born. You love us into life. Open our hearts and our spirits today to hear your word for us. And, upon hearing the word, may we be convinced of our call to ministry and mission through the church. Bless us with your presence and your powerful love, 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

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.

Anthem Rose of Bethlehem Mountainside Choir

Scripture Revelation 3:20

Message Creating Space for God Rev. Bill Couch

Invitation to the Offering

Jesus has seen you, waiting for the call to ministry and mission. He calls you now to open your hearts to those around you; to people in need, to those who sorrow, to those who just need someone to talk with. Offer your life, your love, and your gifts.

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 “Spirit Song” #347

*Benediction

We welcome Rev. Bill and Margaret Couch to our congregation today. They founded and served Lakeridge UMC in Lubbock for thirty-seven years. Bill and Margaret are leading this congregation through our strategic planning process.