



Joys and Concerns

Prayer List: Gary Smidt, Merlin Beahm, Larry Preston-Jeanette Wilkinson's brother, Fred Will, and Jan Hofferber-Kathi Schutz's mother.

Happy Birthday to Dave Jameson, Kim Melroy, and Michala Olsen.

Pastoral Prayer—Lord's Prayer

"Doxology" **United Methodist Hymnal #94**
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Offertory Prayer

For every gift we have received including the gift of faith, we give you thanks. For every gift we can give you, we give thanks. Not as we ought, but as we are able, O God, we return. Grant us faith and confidence in things both large and small, and open our hearts to what it means to be generous. Amen.

Closing Song **"My Savior My God"**

Benediction & Sending Forth

The pathway is open before you this day. It is a path of peace and hope, brought to others by God's mighty love and wondrous blessings. Go in peace, bringing hope to all that you meet. Go, blessed ones, to serve God all your days. AMEN.

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Vision for 2021:

Overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace,
as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit.

(Romans 15:13 NIV)

Order of Worship

October 31, 2021

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

1. Today the annual stewardship campaign begins titled: *ENOUGH: Discovering Joy through Simplicity and Generosity*. During this time, we will intensively explore what the Bible teaches us about financial management.
2. Bible Study: *Threading the Bible: Old Testament* will begin November 2 at 5:00 pm and November 4 at 10:00 AM.
3. All Saint's service will be next Sunday, November 7. We observe this Sunday to celebrate and honor all saints of the church who have passed away since the last All Saints Sunday.
4. Education Department is hosting the Harvest Festival: Celebration of Successful Harvest on November 17 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. It is a family event and all family is invited.
5. We are collecting donations for Christmas Shoebox. Please pick up boxes as many as you need.
6. Choir practice for Christmas cantata resumes from this Thursday at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to join the choir.
7. Youth Group will meet this Wednesday, November 3, at 6pm.
8. Charge Conference on Zoom, November 7 at 2pm. You can join us at the fellowship hall to attend the conference.
9. Last week we received offerings of \$990. Thank you for the offerings and prayers.



Call to Worship

L: Come, let us praise the Lord!

P: Let us shout our songs of thanksgiving to Almighty God!

L: For God has done wonderful things for us.

P: God's love and blessings have been showered upon us.

L: Come, let us praise the Lord!

P: Let us sing songs of great joy to God. AMEN.

Opening Prayer

Lord of light and hope, be with us this day

as we have gathered to hear your word.

Help us open our hearts to the commandments to love,
even when loving is difficult.

Give us the courage to be people

who will commit their whole lives in your service.

For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

Silent Prayer

Opening Songs "Word of God Speak"

"We Fall Down"

Children's Time

Scriptures

Matthew 13:1-9 (NIV)

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. Whoever has ears, let them hear."



Matthew 13:18-23 (NIV)

"Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message

"When Dreams Become Nightmares!"

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