

THANKS

to those who assisted in today's worship service:

Ministers

All the Members

Interim Pastor

Rev. Dr. M. Jacob Kaufman

Guest Organist

Shirley Wells

Director of Music

Brandon Sanders

Public Address System

Bob Throop

Host

George & Jeanette Adams

Greeters

The Ring

Lay Liturgist

The Ring

Prayers

Kylie Fairman

Ushers

The Net

Tally Team

Bob Tresedder

Coffee Hour Hosts

The Ring

Open & Close Church

Tom McLaren

OPPORTUNITIES

for this week

SUNDAY, MAY 22

Confirmation Sunday

9:30 Confirmation Breakfast
9:15 Pastor Bible Study
10:30 Worship/Sunday School
11:30 Fellowship
6:00 The Net

MONDAY, MAY 23

6:00 American Cancer Society
7:00 Boy Scout Troop 368
7:30 Pastor Search Committee

TUESDAY, MAY 24

10:00 Pastor's Bible Study
6:30 Alcoholics Anonymous
7:00 CLC Team Mtg.
7:00 Sister Circle

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25

5:00 Administrative Board Mtg.
7:00 Seventh-day Adventists
7:00 Praise Band

THURSDAY, MAY 26

10:00 Zumbatomic
4:00 Finance Committee
7:00 Adult Zumba
7:30 Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, MAY 28

9:00 Seventh-day Adventists
12:00 Seventh-day Adventists
7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous

SUNDAY, MAY 29

9:15 Pastor Bible Study
10:30 Worship
11:30 Fellowship

WELCOME!



HEARING ASSISTANCE

If you need hearing assistance, ask an usher about our Williams Sound System.

CHURCH STAFF

Interim Pastor

Rev. Dr. M. Jacob Kaufman

Director of Youth & Educational Ministries

Tracy Loomis

Chief Financial Officer

Carla Meier

Director of Music

Brandon Sanders

Organist

Lavonne Bomeli

Learning House Director

Susan Arnould

Parish Visitor

Barb Benson

Custodian

Tom McLaren



OUR STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT:

As God blesses us, our response should be one of gratitude and thanksgiving.

"You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you."

(Deuteronomy 8:10)



**FIRST
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Morning Worship CELEBRATION

May 22, 2011

177 Years of Reaching Up in Faith - Reaching Out in Love

ADORATION

Prayer Requests (Prayer requests are received by writing down prayers on the card, found in this bulletin. These cards are passed down the pew, to the aisle, and collected by the Ushers during the Hymn of Praise. Then during Time for Meditation and Prayer, these prayers are lifted up by the Congregation.)

Prelude "Prelude" arr. by Andrea Gabrieli

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

***Hymn of Praise** "Go Forth for God" no. 352
(receive prayer request)

COMMUNITY

*Welcome

*Greeting One Another in the Love of Christ

Family Hymn* "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" no. 368

*Call to Celebration

One: People of God, come follow the Way!
All: **We want to walk in the footsteps of Jesus.**
One: People of God, come seek the Truth!
All: **We desire to live lives that reflect the love and mercy of our God.**
One: People of God, come embrace the Life!
All: **Jesus is our way, truth, and life! We live our lives in Him!**

*Morning Prayer Together

Heavenly Father, You sent your Holy Spirit to transform the Apostles into heroes of evangelical strength. Thank You for granting that same Spirit to our children in the Sacrament of Confirmation. Pour down upon us the sevenfold gifts of the Spirit that we may more closely resemble Jesus and be an intrepid witness in the world to You and your Divine Son. Amen

Moment With the Youth

Tracy Loomis

Elementary Children Remain in Worship

TESTIMONY

Listening to God's Word

***Hymn of the Word** "I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry" no. 327
"Just Think" poem by Roy Lessin Matt McKean

God's Word in Music "You Will Never Walk Alone" Meghan Otenbaker

God's Word Interpreted "Are You Ready"

Scripture Readings

Psalms 37: 5-6
John 15: 5
Jeremiah 29: 11-14
1 Timothy 4: 12

Heidi Emmert
Riley McLaren
Travis Veenhuis
Gianna DeSimone

SERVICE

Our Offering Is One Way We Honor God and Demonstrate Our Love for Neighbor

(Please sign attendance pad located at the center aisle end of the pew)

Offering Our Gifts for God's Work

Offertory Music "Hope" Chancel Chior

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Communion Hymn* "Bread of the World" no. 319
Communion Experience
Communion Prayer* (unison)

Father of Grace, Merciful God, whom I can call my Father through our Lord Jesus Christ, I want to take part of this Holy Communion, which is prepared for those who believe in You and are followers of Your Son. But because nothing that is unclean can come before You: I ask You to forgive all my sins for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Purify and sanctify me, and through Your Holy Spirit make me a worthy partaker of this Heavenly Table. At the same time, give me assurance that all my sins are forgiven me if I come here as a worthy guest, and if I try to abandon all sins and obey You always. I pray: receive me into Your grace and bless me in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Words of Institution
Invitation and Direction
The Sacrament
Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Empowering Hymn** "Forward, Through The Ages" no. 482

*Benediction

***Postlude** "Agincourt Hymn" arr. by John Dunstable

PRAYERS & CONCERNS:

Please pray for Helen Jewet, Ethel Pagels, Wilma Palmer, Claude Shinn, George Smith, Howard Weaver, and The Pastor Search Committee.

Also, please remember to pray for all the families affected by war, oppression and senseless killing.

Ministries & Special EVENTS

WORSHIP FLOWERS

The flowers this morning are in celebration of our Confirmands: Giana DeSimone, Heidi Emmert, Matthew McKean, Riley McLaren and Travis Veenhuis.

DO YOU REALLY HEAR ME?

Our first experience with God is listening to Him. Our first act of friendship is to listen. So when we listen, we do God's work. Join us on the first two Sundays in June (June 5th & 12th) at 9:15 AM in the Gathering Room, to explore listening habits as a main aspect of communication. Please RSVP to Lee Hockstad at (810)694-8847 or email rch@mindless.com

SUNDAY SCHOOL CELEBRATION

June 12th we will be celebrating the end of the Sunday School Year. Following worship at 11:30 there will be a pot luck luncheon. Please bring your favorite dish along with your own table service. There will be a bounce-house along with hot dogs on the grill for the kids.

A special thank you to Rev. Zoltan Sutto for serving the sacraments this morning.

SUNDAY'S OFFERING

Offering total for last Sunday, May 15th, \$ 3,798.00

Please join us after worship for refreshments in the fellowship hall

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