

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Please take a moment during the Prelude to silence your cell phones and quietly prepare yourself for worship.

WELCOME AND MINUTES FOR MINISTRY

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Happy are the people who do not follow the advice of the wicked

People: or take the path that they follow,

Leader: or sit in the seat of people who make fun of others.

People: Their delight is in the law of the Lord,

Leader: and they meditate on God's law day and night.

ALL: The Lord watches over the way of the righteous,

but the way of the wicked will perish.

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN "Seek Ye First" Hymnal 175

RECEIVING FORGIVENESS FROM GOD AND EACH OTHER

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

You God of wisdom, forgive our foolishness. We desire what we do not need and corrupt our relationships with envy. You urge us to gentleness, but we stir up conflict. Give us your grace, that we may harvest righteousness and peace, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Teacher, we pray. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but the people who fear the Lord are to be praised. Hear the good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and we can live in peace.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Mark 9:14-37

MESSAGE

Pastor Blake Severson

*HYMN "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples" Hymnal 757

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYERFUL REFRAIN "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"
Hymnal 469

GOING INTO THE WORLD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

OFFERTORY

* "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" Hymnal 606

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN "The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound"
Hymnal 766 v 1-4

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**Those who are able please stand*

WELCOME to worship – we are glad that you’re here! If you are visiting today and would like to share your contact information, there are welcome cards in the pew pockets. Please fill one out and place it in the offering plate. Everyone is invited to stay for coffee, snacks, and fellowship in the narthex after worship.



LARGE PRINT HYMNALS with a black cover are on the small bookcase in the rear of the sanctuary.



Children up to Kindergarten age are welcome in the nursery. There are clipboards with coloring pages in the narthex if your children wish to stay in the sanctuary.

The communion table flowers for September are sponsored by Patti and John Malecha.



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Weekly Walk

Sunday	10:00 am	Worship
Sunday	10:15 am	Sunday school ages 5+
Wednesday	9:30 am	Coffee hour @ church
Saturday	9 am - 4 pm	Kairos prison ministry training

Last week's In-Person Attendance ----- 42
 Year-to-Date Regular Income ----- \$172,323.78
 Year-to-Date Regular Expenses ----- \$180,762.31



Next Sunday, September 29, will be our annual **September congregational meeting** to elect officers and conduct other business as appropriate. There is an agenda available in the back of the Sanctuary. A quorum will be needed for this meeting, so please plan to stay next Sunday!

"Operation Christmas Child"--a mission project the Sunday school class participated in last year--is coming again soon! Be on the lookout for information in future announcements.

This evening there is an opportunity to learn more about volunteering at the **Emergency Cold Weather Shelter for Families** in Anchorage. There is a volunteer training session at St. John's Methodist (1801 O'Malley Rd) 5:30 - 7:30 pm; it is not a requirement to volunteer, but a chance to meet and talk to others who have worked in the shelter.



On **October 6** after worship we will have a **harvest potluck lunch!** In addition, we will



have a **silent dessert auction**, to raise money for local charities (to be determined). A sign-up is on the bulletin board by the kitchen.

Due to the lack of enough audio/visual volunteers, Session has decided to simplify the worship service by **eliminating the slide presentations** for now. There will still be a livestream! This change will take effect next Sunday. Just a reminder: the worship bulletin is posted on our website every week under the tab labeled "Worship Bulletin and Announcements".

