

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Sunday, May 25, 2025

Gathering Music

Doug Madow

Welcome/Announcements

Rev. Dr. Jef Olson

- Sign-Up Sheet for reading Scripture
- Book Study at Hope Church on parables, canceled on Memorial Day
- Pastor Amy Jo on vacation May 20-26. For pastoral emergencies, please contact Rev. Jef Olson, (507) 951-1271
- Charge Conference, May 28, 2025, 6:30 p.m.

*Call to Worship

May God be gracious to us and bless us,
That God's way may be known upon earth,
God's saving power among all nations.
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
For God judges the peoples with equity
And guides the nations upon earth.
Let the peoples praise you, O God!

*Invocation

Special Music: "Battle Hymn of the Republic"

Robert Nelson

Scripture Reading: Psalm 67

Sharon Nelson

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us, *Selah*
² that your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.
³ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
⁴ Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth. *Selah*
⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

⁶The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, has blessed us.
⁷May God continue to bless us;
let all the ends of the earth revere him.

Children's Message: "Lydia," Spark Story Bible

Scripture: Acts 16:9-15

Sharon Nelson

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰ When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹ We therefore set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³ On the Sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴ A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵ When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Scripture: John 14:23-29

Sharon Nelson

Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words, and the word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵ "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸ You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur you may believe.

Hymn "Where the Spirit of the Lord Is" (repeat)

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Message

Escaping Nominalism

Rev. Dr. Jef Olson

Celebration of Generosity: Annual Conference Love Offering

Offertory

*Doxology

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*Offering Prayer

Prayer of Confession

O gracious and loving God,
Who calls us to be your people in this age,
Forgive us when we keep Christ in the past,
And the Gospel as letters on a page,
And the Church as an organization
In which we may or may not choose to participate.
Forgive us when fellowship and mission
Is meant for and delivered to
Those we already know and love
And we become a social club instead of your church.
Forgive us and have mercy upon us, O God.
Let your risen Christ reside here with us,
And the Gospel be the power of our life,
And the church be a people and place
Of showing your love wherever we may be.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

(written by Ann B. Day, published in Shaping Sanctuary: Proclaiming God's Grace in an Inclusive Church, p.107)

Prayers of the People (Joys and Concerns)

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.

*Hymn "The Gift of Love"

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*Benediction

Postlude

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Church Calendar Of Events

Sun. May 25	9am Worship with Rev. Dr. Jef Olson
Mon. May 26	7pm Lakelanders
Wed. May 28	6pm Admin Council Meeting
Wed. May 28	6:30pm Charge Conference
Sun. June 1	9am Worship/Communion
Mon. June 2	7pm Lakelanders
Wed. June 4	1pm-3pm Spiritual Direction w/ Ruth Hickey
Thurs. June 5	6:30pm Trustees in Parlor
Thurs. June 5	7pm OP23-0 in Library
Sat. June 7	10am-12pm Jesus Food Pack @ Farbo Mall

Community Announcements

Giving Report

May 11 \$2, 729.00

May 18 \$2, 139.57

Checks payable to REM & given to Carolyn Hanson, \$725.00