

Order for the Worship of God

Welcome & Announcements – Minute for Mission

GATHERING

Welcome

from Psalm 37:7-9

L Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him;

C Do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.

L Refrain from anger and forsake wrath. Do not fret—it leads only to evil.

C For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.

Prayer

*Opening Hymn (Blue #1)

“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”

Worship from the Psalms

(from Psalm 40:1-8)

L I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

C He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog,

L He set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

C He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

L Many will see and fear and put their trust in the Lord.

C Happy are those who make the Lord their trust,

L those who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods.

C You have multiplied, O Lord my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you.

L Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted.

C Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, but you have given me an open ear.

L Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.

C Then I said, “Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is written of me.

L I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart.”

Prayer of Confession

God, you have been so patient with us, forgiving our sins and redeeming our offenses. Even when we wander from your way, you patiently draw us back to yourself. Please forgive our continuing failures, redeem our every offense, and

restore us to your grace. Allow your grace to work within us, filling us your Spirit and your gifts and may your Spirit guide us towards paths of life abundant.

Continue to be patient with us and teach us to be patient with ourselves. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Reflections

Assurance of Pardon

(from 1 John 4:9-10)

*Responsive Hymn

“In His Time”

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Special Music

“Even If I Tried”

Prayer for Illumination

Heavenly Father, I pray that I may live this day in your presence and please you more and more.

Lord Jesus, I pray that this day I may take up my cross and follow you.

Holy Spirit, I pray that this day you will fill me with yourself and cause your fruit to ripen in my life: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Scripture

James 5:7-12

Be patient, therefore, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Brothers and sisters, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, brothers and sisters, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. Indeed, we call blessed those who showed endurance. You have heard of the endurance of Job, and you have seen the outcome that the Lord brought about, for the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

Above all, brothers and sisters, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your “Yes” be yes and your “No” be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.

1 Thessalonians 5:12-23

But we appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who labor among you and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you; esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. And we urge you, brothers and sisters, to admonish the idlers, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient

with all of them. See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely, and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

Message

Bruce Brown

Prayer of Affirmation

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn (Red #302)

"Have Thine Own Way"

*Offering Prayer

Our offering is received in the offering plate on the back table in the sanctuary.

*Doxology

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The prayers of thanksgiving and intercession are responsive. When you hear the leader say:

Lord in your patience,

Please respond,

Hear our prayer.

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 debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation.

But deliver us from evil.

For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN

SENDING OUT

*Closing Hymn (Blue #316)

"Breathe on Me, Breathe of God"

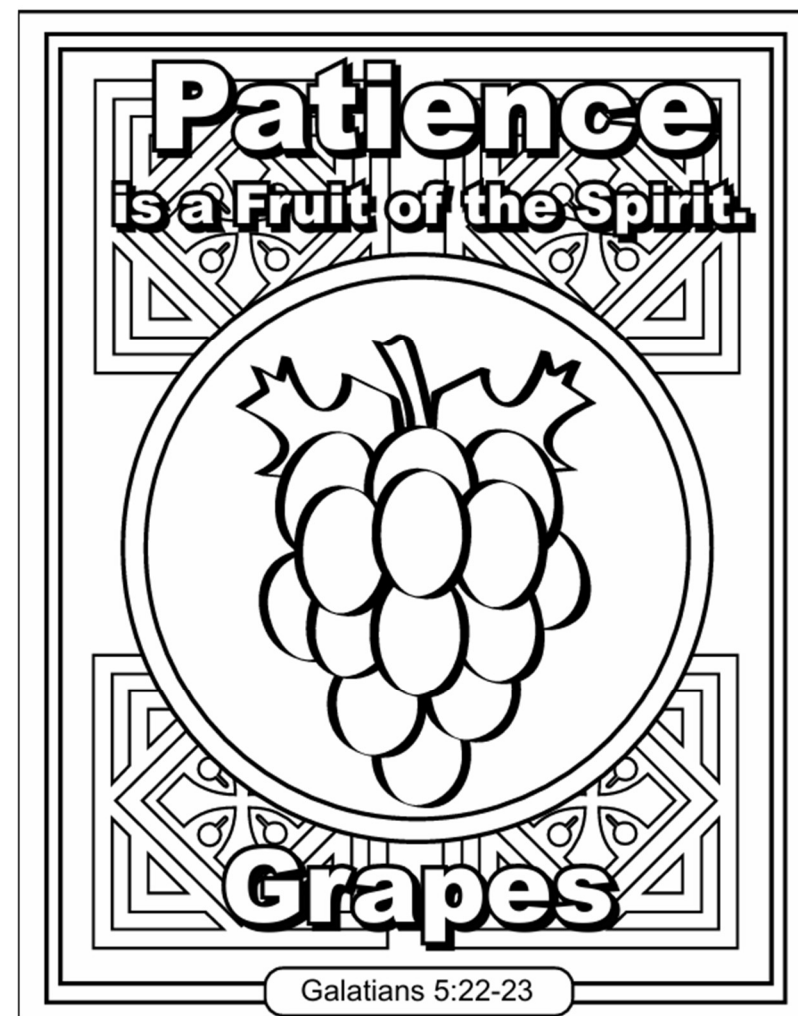
*Blessing and Benediction

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Welcome to our Worship!

We are glad to have you with us today. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. Everyone is welcome for refreshments and fellowship after worship. Thank you, Jana Schoeder for being liturgist today.

Our **offering** is received on the back table in the sanctuary, you can give online using the **QR code** at right or donate from our **website**.

Please volunteer to be **liturgist** or **bring cookies**.

Signup is at the back table in the sanctuary.



We are having a **“fruit-themed” potluck** after church this Sunday. Even if you didn't bring anything, please come downstairs for the potluck—there will be plenty to go around.

On Tuesday, October 21st at 7:00 p.m., we are hosting a **Candidates Conversation** for the Napoleon City Council. We need volunteers to be greeters, to monitor the elevator, and to bring cookies for the reception afterwards. Please sign up in the south alcove. There are also flyers for you to distribute to others.

Napoleon's **Trick-or-Treat** is from 6-7:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 30th. We will be giving away church glow sticks like we did last year. Please sign up in the south alcove if you can help distribute at the church, or how many glow sticks you want to take to your neighborhood. **Glow Stick Assembly** will be at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 23rd.

The **Connections Bible Study** is still studying Liz Curtis Higgs' book *Bad Girls of the Bible: And What We Can Learn From Them*. They meet on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 6:30 p.m.

We are also invited to go to the **Presbyterian Women and Friends** meetings at the Defiance Presbyterian Church. Their next meeting will be Monday, October 13th at 12:30 p.m.

Together We Can Make a Difference could use whatever you are willing to donate. They are going through a lot of cereal and could always use cans of no-sugar fruit.

Our **Card of the Week** goes Lynn Yarnell, who has broken her foot.

Even If I Tried

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y1QLmwIE9m4>

Lord, You know my restless heart
See me wandering through the dark
I hear You call even in my dreams
To waters still and pastures green

To You
I'm so grateful that I'm by Your side
It's true
I couldn't leave even if I tried

Lord, You know my every need
Every place my steps will lead
I set my mind on things above
Like mysteries of Your perfect love

To You
I'm so grateful that I'm by Your side
It's true
I couldn't leave even if I tried

You are patient
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CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

NORTHCREST NURSING HOME: Harold Badertscher

VANCREST: Dollie Smith

SIMMONS CROSSING: Connie Cobb

ALPINE VILLAGE: Sandy Johnson

PRAYER LIST: Gene & Carol Detmer, Joe & Linda McOscar, Julie Fogle, Kathy Schilens (Jana Schroeder's sister), Enoch & Adyē Castro Vásquez (Olga Hall's father and mother), Jacob Clegg (Brenda Stough's friend), Betty Sladek (Ed Sladek's Wife)

In His Time 681

He hath made every thing beautiful in His time. Ecclesiastes 3:11

1. In His time, (in His time,) In His time; (in His time);
2. In Your time, (in Your time,) In Your time; (in Your time);

He makes all things beau - ti - ful in His time. (in His time.)
You make all things beau - ti - ful in Your time. (in Your time.)

Lord, please show me ev - ery day As You're teach - ing me Your way
Lord, my life to You I bring; May each song I have to sing

That You do just what You say In Your time. (in Your time.)
Be to You a love - ly thing In Your time. (in Your time.)

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