

Order for the Worship of God

Welcome & Announcements – Minute for Mission

GATHERING

Welcome *from Psalm 25:8-10*

- L Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
C He leads the humble in what is right and teaches the humble his way.
L All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,
C For all those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

Prayer
*Opening Hymn (Blue #220) *"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"*
Worship from the Psalms *(Psalm 100)*

- L Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
C Serve the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.
L Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his;
C We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
L Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.
C For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations.

Prayer of Confession
Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in the faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way with those from ages past who have served you with faith, hope, and love, and may we inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Reflections
Assurance of Pardon *(from Psalm 100:6)*
*Responsive Hymn (#276, chorus) *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

Message
Prayer of Affirmation

Bruce Brown

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

- * Hymn (Blue #383) *"My Faith Looks Up To Thee"*
Call to the Table
L The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
L Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them up to the Lord.
L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give our thanks and praise.
L Thank you, God, for all the blessings you have poured out upon us ... Together, we confess the mystery of our faith:
**C Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

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**

Distribution
Prayer after Communion

SENDING OUT

- *Closing Hymn (Red #348) *"Faith of our Fathers!"*
*Blessing and Benediction
Departing Music

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 Schroeder, 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 another **reverse potluck** today! Take leftover ham and scalloped potatoes home with you!

Connect to the Community meets at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, November 3rd.

The **Napoleon Ministerial Association** prays at 8:00 a.m. and meets at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 5th at the Nazarene church.

Congregational Life meets at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 6th.

Bruce will be at the **Rekindle Youth Camp** at Kirkmont Center from Friday, November 7th to Sunday, November 9th. Tenna Rhonemus will be preaching that day.

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.

***** With SNAP benefits expiring, Together We Can Make a Difference could use anything we can give them, food or money. *****

Our **Card of the Week** is for Harold Badertscher.

CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

NORTHCREST NURSING HOME: Harold Badertscher

VANCREST: Dollie Smith

SIMMONS CROSSING: Connie Cobb

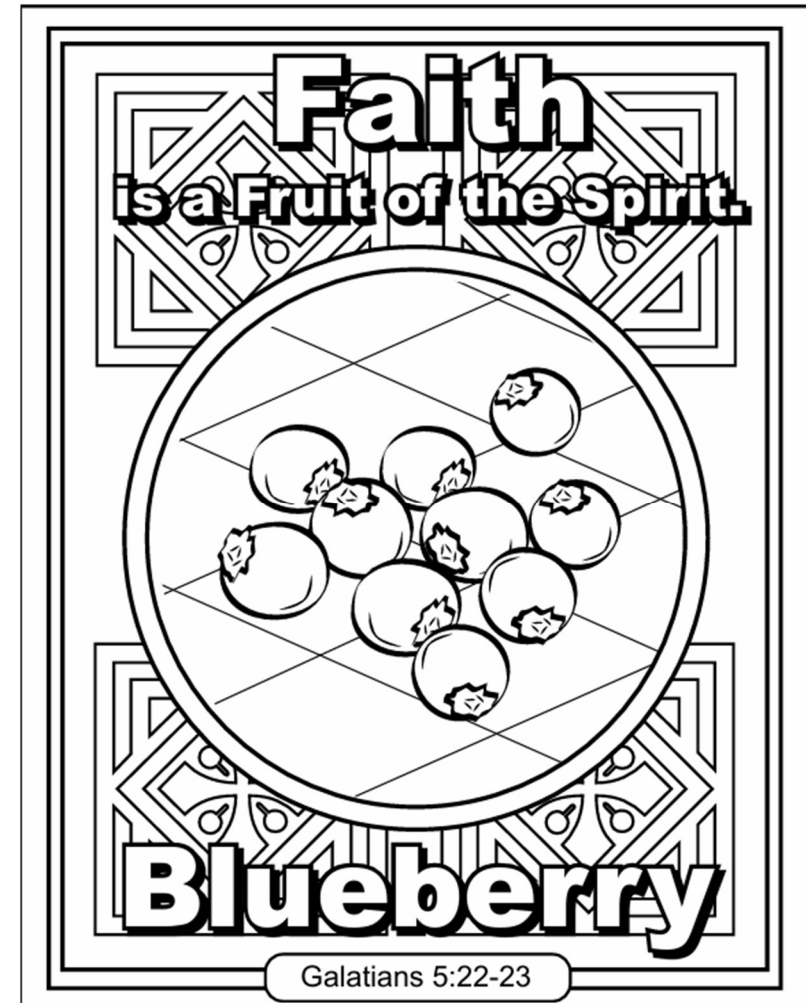
ALPINE VILLAGE: Sandy Johnson

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)

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"Find Us Faithful"

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

Ruth 1:6-17

Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had considered his people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The Lord grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters. Why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the Lord has turned against me." Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law goodbye, but Ruth clung to her.

So she said, "Look, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." But Ruth said,

"Do not press me to leave you, to turn back from following you!
Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge;
your people shall be my people and your God my God.
Where you die, I will die, and there will I be buried.
May the Lord do thus to me, and more as well,
if even death parts me from you!"

Matthew 25:14-30

"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'



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We're pilgrims on the journey
of the narrow road
And those who've gone before us
line the way
Cheering on the faithful,
encouraging the weary
Their lives, a stirring testament
to God's sustaining grace

After all our hopes and dreams
have come and gone
And our children sift through all
we've left behind
May the clues that they discover
and the memories they uncover
Become the light that leads them
to the road we each must find

Surrounded by so great
a cloud of witnesses
Let us run the race,
not only for the prize
But as those who've gone before us
let us leave to those behind us
The heritage of faithfulness
passed on through godly lives

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