

Order for the Worship of God

Welcome & Announcements

GATHERING

Welcome *from Colossians 1:15-19*

L Christ is the image of the invisible God,
C The head of the body, the church, the beginning, the first born from the dead.

L The fullness of God dwells in him, reconciling all things to God,
C Making peace through the blood of his cross.

Prayer

*Opening Hymn (Blue #260) *"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"*

Worship from the Psalms *Psalms 52*

L Why do you boast, O mighty one, of mischief done against the godly?
C All day long you are plotting destruction.

L Your tongue is like a sharp razor, you worker of treachery.
C You love evil more than good and lying more than speaking the truth.
You love all words that devour, O deceitful tongue.

L But God will break you down forever; he will snatch and tear you from your tent; he will uproot you from the land of the living.
C The righteous will see and fear and will laugh at the evildoer.

L The righteous say, "See what happens to the one who would not take refuge in God but trusted in abundant riches and sought refuge in wealth!"
C I am like a green olive tree in the house of God.

L I trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever.
C I will thank you forever because of what you have done.

A In the presence of the faithful I will proclaim your name, for it is good.

Prayer of Confession

Forgive us, Lord, when you are only a part of our lives. Forgive us when we give you lip service, and don't allow you within us, to change our hearts. Forgive us when we are impatient, doing our duty to you, so that we can get on with our lives. Forgive our wandering thoughts, our self-centered wills, and our unrepentant hearts. Awaken us to your glory, confound us by your love, and

shower us with your grace so that we can be made new, renewed and recreated in your image. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Reflection
Assurance of Pardon

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Prayers for Illumination

Special Music *"Come Mary, Come Martha"*

Sermon Text Reading *Amos 8:1-12*

This is what the Lord God showed me: a basket of summer fruit. He said, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A basket of summer fruit." Then the Lord said to me,

"The end has come upon my people Israel; I will spare them no longer. The songs of the temple shall become wailings on that day," says the Lord God; "the dead bodies shall be many, cast out in every place. Be silent!"

Hear this, you who trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds. Shall not the land tremble on this account, and everyone mourn who lives in it, and all of it rise like the Nile, and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt? On that day, says the Lord God, I will make the sun go down at noon and darken the earth in broad daylight. I will turn your feasts into mourning and all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on all loins and baldness on every head; I will make it like the mourning for an only son and the end of it like a bitter day. The time is surely coming, says the Lord God, when I will send a famine on the land, not a famine of bread or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord. They shall wander from sea to sea and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the Lord, but they shall not find it.

Luke 10:38-42 (NRSVUE)

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

Message Bruce Brown

Prayer of Affirmation

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn (Blue #434)

"Today We Are All Called to Be Disciples"

*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 mercy,

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 #396)

"O For A Closer Walk With God"

*Blessing and Benediction

Departing Music

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July 20th, 2025

10:00 a.m.

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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.

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.



Today the Defiance Presbyterian Church and St. John's UCC has rented **the Defiance Putt-Putt** until 2:00 p.m. for worship and a potluck. If you'd like to join them right after worship, please do.

The Four Corners Heritage Center in Grelton is having an **Ice Cream Celebration** from noon until 4:00 p.m., and the Henry Couty Chorale is performing at 1:00 p.m.

Bruce has **jury duty** the morning of Wednesday, July 23rd.

Bruce is cooking the **dinner at Emanuel Lutheran** on Wednesday, July 30th. He would like some help putting the meal together on Tuesday, July 29th at 10:00 a.m. at Emanuel.

We have a group taking a **tour of the church** at 1:00 om Wednesday July 30th.

Connect to the Community meets on Tuesday August 5th at 4:00 p.m.

Congregational Life meets on Thursday, August 7th at 10:00 a.m.

Session meets on August 25th at 4:00 p.m.

Together We Can Make a Difference could use whatever you are willing to donate but they seem to be going through a lot of cereal!

Our **Card of the Week** goes to Julie Fogle.

Come Mary, Come Martha

Written and sung by Anna Purdum ©2015
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tE3UUDngvf8>

She sat the feet
of the Master that day,
The better part that
won't be taken away.
Sister was serving
frustration and blame,
But Jesus loved
Mary and Martha the same.

To everything is a season and time;
A time to be born and a time we will die
A time to be Mary –
to sit and receive,
A time to be Martha
and roll up our sleeves

Chorus

Chorus:
Come worker
Come preacher
Come Peter
Come Paul

Come fighter
Come laborer
Come break that wall!

Come prophet
Come poet
Come take up this call:

Come Mary
Come Martha
Come all.

If we kneel at the altar
or kneel at their feet,
If we pray in a cloister
or serve on the street ...
Jesus is present
Where two or three meet
In His name

Let the Church
BE the Church
that's complete.

Chorus x 2

CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

NORTHCREST NURSING HOME: Harold Badertscher **VANCREST:** Dollie Smith
BROWNING MASONIC: 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),
Betty Sladek (Ed Sladek's Wife)