

Order for the Worship of God

Welcome & Announcements – Minute for Mission

GATHERING

Welcome

from Micah 6:8

L He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what the Lord requires of you:

C Do justice, love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.

Prayer

*Opening Hymn (Blue #468)

"Morning Has Broken"

Worship from the Psalms

(from Psalm 103:1-13)

L Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

C Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—

L who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

C who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

L who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

C The Lord works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.

L He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

C The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

L He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.

C He does not deal with us according to our sins nor repay us according to our iniquities.

L For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

C as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.

L As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.

Prayer of Confession

Our holy Father, you are filled with mercy and steadfast love. We come before

you knowing we have taken your love for granted, knowing that we have resisted your wisdom, and knowing that we have ignored your fatherly guidance. O Lord, you are full of compassion and grace. Incline your ear to our troubles. Hear us as we pour out our sorrows before you. Draw us back into to your loving arms. Forgive us and renew our lives through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Reflections

Assurance of Pardon

(from Psalm 103:8-10)

*Responsive Hymn (Blue #438 v. 1)

"Blessed Be The Tie That Binds"

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Special Music

"East / West (Psalm 103)"

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

Mark 9:33-37

Then they came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them, and taking it in his arms he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

Galatians 6:1-10

My brothers and sisters, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. For all must carry their own loads.

Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh, but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all and especially for those of the family of faith.

Message

Bruce Brown

Prayer of Affirmation

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn (Blue #426)

"Lord Speak to Me"

*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 kindness,

Please respond,

Hear our prayer.

Lord in your kindness,

Hear our prayer.

Let us pray the prayer Christ taught us, saying:

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 #319)

"In Christ There Is no East nor West"

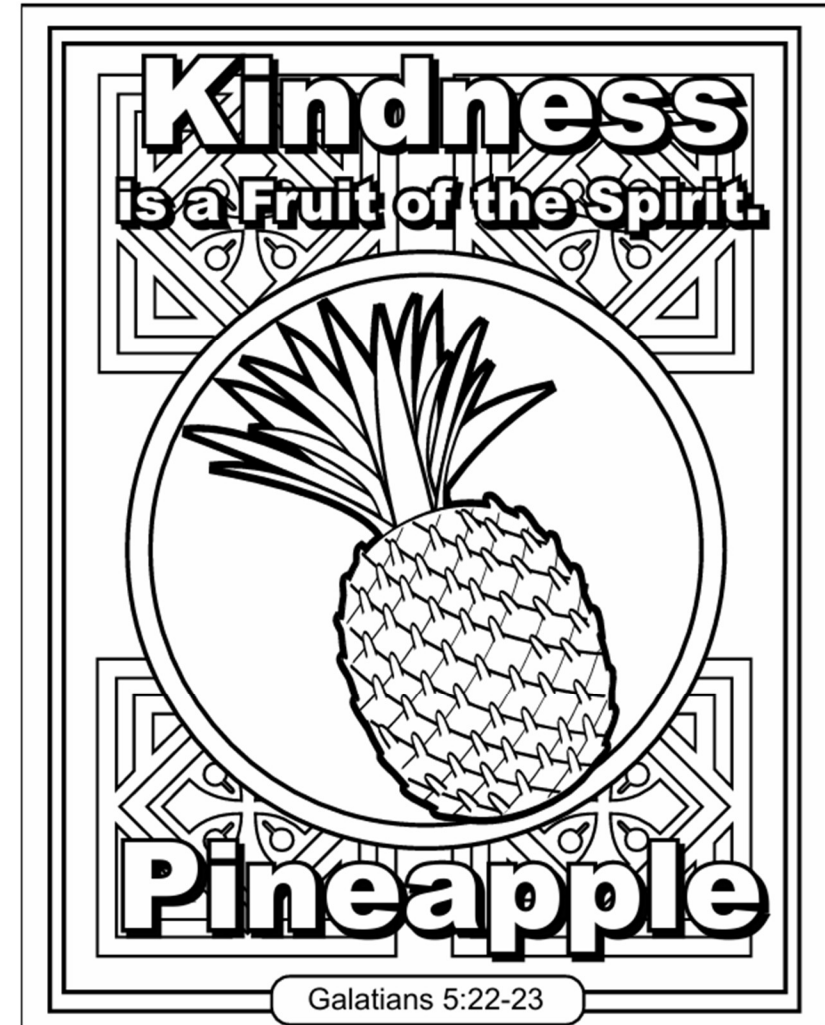
*Blessing and Benediction

Departing Music

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October 19th, 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. Thank you, Bruce Brown 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.



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.

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.

Session meets at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, October 27th.

Our **Card of the Week** will be announced in worship.

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)

East /West (Psalm 103)

By Paul Zach, produced by Isaac Wardell, off the RP "God Is the Friend of Silence"
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MpYHiuk9pXw>

Bless the Lord O, my soul
All that is within me bless His name
He forgives all our sin
He is slow to anger, full of grace

As high as the heavens are up above
So is the greatness of His love
As far as the East is from the West
He removes our sin from us
As far as the East is from the West
As far as the East is from the West

For the Lord knows our frame
Short our days from dust to dust we
fade

But His love will remain
Merciful to those who fear His name

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So is the greatness of His love
As far as the East is from the West
He removes our sin from us
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And the steadfast love of the Lord
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