Salem in Ballwin United Methodist Church WELCOME TO WORSHIP

August 18, 2019 10:00 AM Please sign the registration pad at the end of the pew and pass it to the next person.



THOUGHT UPON ENTERING

"Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us. Selah." Psalm 62:8 KJV A friend will lend a sympathetic ear when you ask; accepting you as you are, who you are, and where you are. A true friend will listen and acknowledge when you're right but will also tell you when you're wrong. And a true friend will never lead you astray. The psalmist advises us to trust; to take our problems and concerns to God in openness and honesty. Wait with patience and be still (selah) and accept the protection and warmth of God's presence. There is true friendship in God's unwavering love and unfailing grace.

WELCOME

PRELUDE "The Lily of the Valley" (traditional tune)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: From the moment we awake to face the day

ahead, through good times and bad.

People: Your presence is enough for our needs.

Leader: Every day we will praise you.

People: And extol your name forever and ever.

*OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Father in heaven, our hearts desire the warmth of your love, and our minds are searching for the light of your Word. Increase our longing for Christ our Savior, and give us the strength to grow in love, that as Christ has befriended us, we may befriend one another. It is in his strong name that we pray.

ALL: Amen.

*OPENING HYMN #514

"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all persons: We acknowledge and repent our many sins, which we from time to time have committed by thought, word, and deed against you. We are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous to us. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father. For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Almighty God, in his great mercy, has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn to him. He will pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and at last bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANTHEM "Lily of the Valley" (Irish tune) - Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

*GOSPEL READING

John 15:9-17 (NRSV)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #881

The Apostles' Creed

HYMN OF PREPARATION #526

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

MESSAGE

"Best Friends Forever (BFF)" Pastor Ken Gottman

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC "Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN

"I've Found a Friend, O Such a Friend" (insert and on screen)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

All are welcome at our Fellowship Luncheon immediately following the service in Duff Hall.

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Coming up Next Week

Monday, August 19

Woodcarvers 7:00 pm Duff Hall

Tuesday. August 20

Scouts 7:00 pm Duff Hall

Wednesday, August 21

Cover our Kids Quilting 9:00 am Duff Hall Prayer Group 5:45 pm

Thursday, August 22

Cards 12:00 pm Duff Hall

Service CD's are available from Bill Schrader. They are also available in the mailbox labeled Service CD's (upper left corner) in Duff Hall.

We believe in the Power of Prayer

Our Members Needing Prayers

Raeleen Heffington; Peggy Araki; Mike Groves; Roger Crabtree; Betty Caswell; Nancy Boerner; Donna Flora; Velma Buermann; Wayne and Virginia Jordan; Bob Kight; Lila Poertner; Gale Crabtree

Our Family and Friends Needing Prayers

Denise Kelly's son Ron; Diana Hughes sister Lisa; Pat Hazslip's brother Dan; Rachelle Holt's Aunt Fran; Phyllis Hardcastle's friend Jaime; Denise Kelley's friend Meryl; Bob & Dee Vogt's friend Boonie; Nancy Boerner's friend Janice; Alice Krechel's brother Lawrence & sister-in-law Melva; Patti Ham's daughter Tracy; Sharon Kleitsch's daughter-in-law Gale

Our Community

All people fighting cancer and other diseases; Peace and healing after mass shootings: The Ballwin Police Department; Francisco Queniasse, our seminary student in Mozambique; All First Responders; homeless people; all dealing with mental health - sufferers and support system; The Fold Children's Home

Those in our Armed Forces

Michael Suozzi is in the Navy and is currently stationed in San Diego; Kyle Roe is stationed in Yankeetown, Florida with the Coast Guard.

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