

# The Saturday Bulletin for October 4th

## Our Sunday Morning Service at 9:00am

Just a reminder about arrival and parking:

**If you are planning to stay in your car**, please enter the west parking lot from Chapel Street and park facing the church. Tune your radio to 87.9 FM and sit back and relax.

**If you are bringing a lawn chair and will join the group up near Howie for worship**, please enter the south parking lot from Blackhawk Blvd., park your car, and remember to use those great “social distancing marks” when bringing your chairs to join the group.

## This Week's Calendar October 4, 2020

### Sunday 10/4

7:00am **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**

9:00am **SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE** in RUMC parking lot (and streaming live)

3:00-4:30pm **Alleluia Quartet**  
Virtual Concert

### Monday 10/5

### Tuesday 10/6

6:30pm **STUDY GROUP**  
(using Zoom)

### Wednesday 10/7

**THANK YOU SUPPER AND CONCERT BY THE GOOD NEWS BAND**

5:15 Gather together  
5:30 Concert begins

### Thursday 10/8

10:00am **STUDY GROUP**  
(using Zoom)

### Friday 10/9

### Saturday 10/10

## LET US PRAY FOR...

Charlie Cunningham  
Derek Polzin  
David Dach  
Jim Stamm  
Marcia Blean (Nancy Bielema's sister)  
Jerry Hubble  
Darin Davis  
Melinda Croisant  
Ron Zoeller



**The families of:** Jeanne Fordham  
Karen Pond (friend of Phyllis DeGraff)

*Please email your prayer requests to Howie by Saturday if possible. We will be able to include those names on the prayer list for Sunday's service.*

## **New Sermon Series and Study Group Topics**

This Sunday, Pastor Howie will begin a series of sermons taking us to the beginning of the Advent season. This series will be based on the book *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations*. Books are available for purchase at the Sunday Service each week for a cost of \$15.00 and will be used at the book studies the following week.

Please consider joining one of our two Zoom study groups on either Tuesday evening at 6:30pm or Thursday mornings at 10:00am. Sign-up by clicking [HERE](#) or calling

1-312-626-6799

and when prompted enter code:

820-556-5380

You may recognize this group, The Alleluia Chorus, from Beth Eden UMC. They have performed multiple worship service concerts in our sanctuary on Sunday mornings in the past years. This year their Hunger Relief concert, usually performed in the Performing Arts Center at Hononegah, was cancelled due to Covid-19 social restrictions. "But where there is a will, there's a way!" You can join them virtually this Sunday afternoon at 3:00 and enjoy their music once again.

*The Alleluia Quartet presents:*

## **Virtual Concert for Hunger Relief**

Sunday, October 4, 2020  
3 - 4:30 pm

**View it on Facebook Live at  
[www.facebook.com/Alleluia-Quartet](http://www.facebook.com/Alleluia-Quartet)**

*Organized by Rockford District United Methodist Men*



### **Come to a Thank You Supper in the Parking Lot**

Enjoy the music of the Good News Band

Over the past year this church has made many changes and sacrifices and still survived. You have supported the many efforts of the worship team and our congregation, as they adjusted to a different sanctuary, then church from Howie's living room, and finally church in the parking lot.

As we followed the repairs to our sanctuary, and were told funds needed to be raised to pay for those repairs, this congregation has made donations and pledges to restore our church to a safe environment as we return to indoor worship.

For all of your support we wish to say THANK YOU! Join us for an outdoor concert with the Good News Band from Roscoe UMC. A light supper will be provided with prepackaged chili from Wendy's and individually wrapped sub sandwiches from Mark's Pizza in Rockton. We encourage you to come at 5:15 to set up your chairs and gather your supper.

**THIS WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7th  
SOCIAL DISTANCING IN OUR PARKING LOT  
GATHERING AT 5:15  
CONCERT AT 5:30**

**YOU MUST BRING YOUR OWN BEVERAGE**

# Order of Worship

## October 4, 2020

**Prelude** – via CD

### Welcome and Announcements

### Call to Worship

#### **GATHER US IN,**

the lost and the lonely, the broken and breaking,  
the tired and the aching, who long for nourishment found at your feast

#### **GATHER US IN,**

The done and the doubting, the wishing and wondering,  
the puzzled and pondering, who long for the company found at your feast.

#### **GATHER US IN,**

the proud and pretentious, the sure and superior,  
the never inferior, who long for the leveling found at your feast

#### **GATHER US IN,**

the bright and the bustling, the stirrers, the shakers,  
the kind laughter makers, who long for the deeper joys found at your feast.

#### **GATHER US IN,**

from corner or limelight, from mansion or campsite,  
from fears and obsession, from tears and depression,  
from untold excesses, from treasured successes,

to meet, to eat, to be given a seat,

be joined to the vine, be offered new wine,

become like the least, be found at the feast.

#### **GATHER US IN!**

*Wild Goose Worship Group, A Wee Worship Book, GIA Publications, Inc., pp.80-81*

### Passing the Peace with Sign Language

**Worship in Song**

*We've a Story to Tell to the Nations*

*UMN#569*

#### **Vs.1**

We've a story to tell to the nations  
That shall turn their hearts to the right  
A story of truth and mercy,  
A story of peace and light,  
A story of peace and light.

#### **Chorus**

#### **Vs. 2**

We've a message to give to the nations  
That the Lord who reigneth a-bove  
Hath sent us His Son to save us  
And show us that God is love,  
And show us that God is love.

#### **Chorus**

#### **CHORUS**

For the darkness shall turn to dawning,  
And the dawning to noonday bright,  
And Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth,  
The kingdom of love and light.

#### **Vs.3**

We've a Savoir to show to the nations  
Who the path of sorrow hath trod  
That all of the world's great peoples  
Might come to the truth of God,  
Might come to the truth of God,

#### **Chorus**

## Pastoral Prayer

### 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, the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

**Scripture**      Romans 15:1-9,13      Luke 10:1-12

### *A Companion Litany to Our Social Creed*

God in the Spirit revealed in Jesus Christ, calls us by grace  
**to be renewed in the image of our Creator that we may be one  
in divine love for the world.**

Today is the day God cares for the integrity of creation, wills the healing and wholeness of all life,  
weeps at the plunder of earth's goodness.

***And so shall we.***

Today is the day  
God embraces all hues of humanity, delights in diversity and difference,  
avors solidarity transforming strangers into friends.

***And so shall we.***

Today is the day  
God cries with the masses of starving people, despises growing disparity between rich and poor,  
demands justice for workers in the marketplace.

***And so shall we.***

Today is the day  
God deplores violence in our homes and streets, rebukes the world's warring madness,  
humbles the powerful and lifts up the lowly.

***And so shall we.***

Today is the day  
God calls for nations and peoples to live in peace, celebrates where justice and mercy embrace,  
exults when the wolf grazes with the lamb.

***And so shall we.***

***Today is the day  
God brings good news to the poor, proclaims release to the captives,  
gives sight to the blind, and sets the oppressed free.***

***And so shall we.***

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## Offertory Prayer

Generous God, you have given so much to us, and we have offered back such small amounts in return. We have often served you as part-time followers, giving a fraction of our time and resources to your mission and an overwhelming share to our own indulgences. We strive to do better, forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead – pressing on to the goal of serving Christ with all our being. In his name, we pray. Amen.

## Invitation to Communion

This is the table, not of the righteous, but of the poor in spirit. It is made ready for those who love God and who want to love God more.

So come, you who have much faith and you who have little, You who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time or ever before, You who have tried to follow and all of us who have failed. These are the gifts of God for the People of God. Christ invites everyone to be known and fed here.

### **The Lord be with you . . .**

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God.

We come to the Lord's table as chosen people. We come in our brokenness and in our desire for life lived out of love.

**People: O God, in our inmost spirits, transform our sharing of bread and wine into an opening of us into you, into one another, into creation. Increase your life within us so that we may more totally be the body of Christ.**

## Words of Invitation

Friends, all persons who sincerely turn away from sin, and desire to live a new life of loving and doing God's will, are welcome to receive this sacrament in faith.

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. She who comes to me shall never hunger; he who believes in me shall never thirst." Come. Believe.

## Words of Institution

On the night of his arrest Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to God, broke it and said, "This is my body which is for you; do this remembering me."

## Breaking of the Bread

After supper Jesus took the cup and said, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood; whenever you drink it, do this remembering me." Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

**Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your Holy Church, all honor and glory is Yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.**

## Benediction

The Banquet of God's love has been given to you. You have received blessing upon blessing. Go now into the world in which noise and confusion reign. Bring peace and hope in Christ's Name to all you meet. God's peace and love be with you now and always. AMEN.