

July 14, 2024

10:00AM

8th Sunday after Pentecost



Outdoor
Worship

weather permitting
...bring a chair

Moment of Quiet Reflection

Welcome and Greeting

Prayer for Peace

Lord, lead us from death to life, from lies to truth.
Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust.
Lead us from hatred to love, from war to peace.

**Let peace fill our heart, our world, our universe,
Peace, peace. Peace. Amen.**

Prelude

Call to Worship

God calls
God gathers
God challenges
God moves
God liberates
God saves

Guide us and our lives, O Holy One, so all creation might flourish.

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, you call us to live out your justice and righteousness. Help us to walk in your footsteps, so that we never lose our way. Enable us to live and love in the way that you have taught us, so that we can act in grace, even with those who we consider our enemies. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

•Music

For the Beauty of the Earth (vs 1, 3, & 5)

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AWARE OF GOD'S PRESENCE

•Call to Confession

The truth is liberating. Let us honestly examine our hearts and confess our sins before God.

•Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we belittle ourselves in the face of overwhelming problems. We tell ourselves we are powerless to create positive change. We tell ourselves peace is impossible as we invest billions in weapons of war. We refuse new ideas, new solutions, new voices. We are stuck – trapped! – in our comfortable ways. Forgive our reluctance, God. Forgive our ignorance. Forgive our excuse-making. Turn us to all that is possible through you. Amen.

A Time of Silence

Declaration of Forgiveness

Christ has set us free. Claim your forgiveness. Rejoice in God's grace.
Respond with bold, courageous love. Amen.

•Giving Glory to God

**Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

Passing of the Peace

Children's Time

LISTENING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prayer of Illumination

**Prepare our hearts and minds for the hearing of your Word, Holy God.
Open us to your truth. Humble us to your way. Amen.**

Scripture *Psalm 85:8-13*

Music

Scripture *Ephesians 1:3-14*

Sermon *Lavished on Us*

•Affirmation of Faith

from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God,
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image,
male and female, of every race and people,
to live as one community.
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.
Ignoring God's commandments,
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.
We deserve God's condemnation.
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.
In everlasting love,
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.
Hearing their cry,
God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.
Loving us still,
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.

•Music *Amazing Grace (vs 1, 3, & 5)*

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Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

God of heaven and earth, in these days of scorching summer sun and cool evening breeze; of terrorizing wars and vacations at the beach; of discouraging national news and nourishing church potlucks; we live lives of contradictions. We notice the disparities. We feel you tugging at our hearts to heed Christ's call of discipleship, of care, of service, and of delighting in blessings bestowed.

On this Sabbath day, we pause to pray for those who are suffering, those who are close and known to us as well as those who live in faraway foreign lands.

In your mercy, God, hear our prayers for:

- People seeking to survive enduring violence in Ukraine, Gaza, and Sudan
- People seeking a home to call their own, a place of safety and refuge
- People seeking escape from record heat waves, tropical storms and natural disasters
- People seeking a cure for disease or the easing of physical pain
- People seeking relief from endless waves of grief
- People seeking spiritual peace to cool the anger burning within them
- People seeking healing from mental or physical illness

God, we know we are not powerless. We recognize the power we hold to make this world more just, more equitable, more right. Equip us, teacher, with the wisdom to know what is best, and the courage to do what is right. Now, as the Body of Christ, hear us as we pray the prayer our Savior taught us, **"Our Father ..."**.

Invitation to the Offering

In gratitude to God for all our blessings, let us bless others with a portion of all we have been given. Let us present our offerings to God.

Offertory

•Doxology

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•Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Most generous God, you have blessed us with gifts to serve and share.
May the offerings we present today be used to promote the peace, justice
and healing you desire for us and your world. Amen.**

•Music

May the God of Hope Go with Us

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•Charge and Benediction

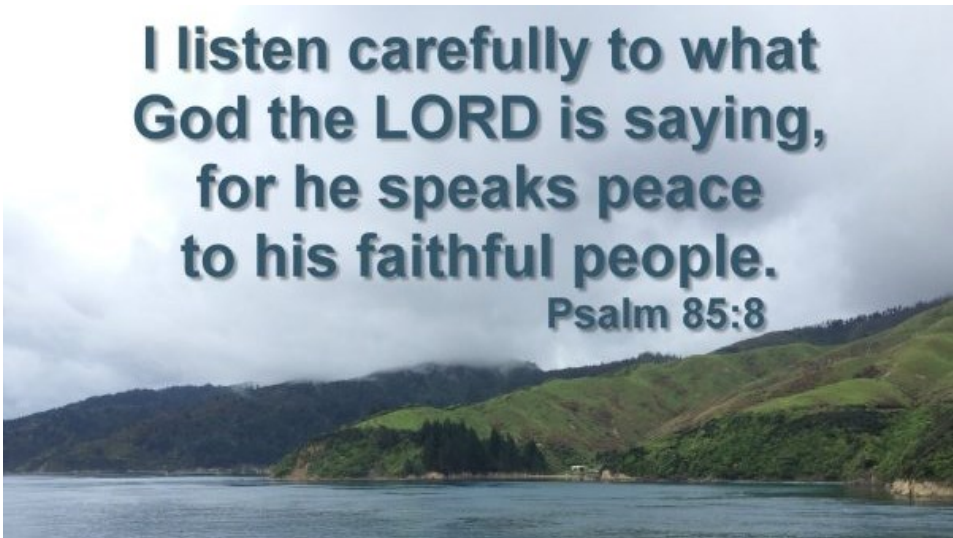
God calls
Christ loves
Spirit guides

Just as God gathered us for worship, God sends us out — redeemed, renewed,
ready to live and love faithfully.

May the grace, hope, peace and love of God our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer
be with us all, now and always. Amen.

•Postlude

•PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE



**I listen carefully to what
God the LORD is saying,
for he speaks peace
to his faithful people.
Psalm 85:8**

Happy Birthday

July 15 - Bailey Yung *Happy 20th!*
July 17 - Rich Bradfield
July 19 - Michele Brocius, Madison Ralph

Happy Anniversary

TODAY - Julie & Eric Leffler *17 yrs*
July 16 - Kelly & Dave Spagnolo *13 yrs*

Lay Reader this morning

Jean Westmoore



THIS WEEK



ONLINE
PRAYER SERVICE

12:00PM FRIDAY ONLY!

THIS MONTH'S MISSION



Care Management CORE Program

THIS WEEK

Rev. Laura will be away
Monday - Thursday
July 15th - 18th

*Lunch
Bunch*



12:00PM *Tuesday, July 16th*

Hoovers Restaurant

6035 Ward Rd. Sanborn

Everyone's invited for a dutch treat lunch!

TGIF COFFEE HOUR

9:30AM

THIS Friday, July 19th

Join us then for coffee & conversation!



Thank you!

BAKERS for NEXT Sunday,
July 21st

Team #3
Jill Kudiba, Chris Soos

Vacation Bible School 2024 this year's theme: KINDNESS

6:00PM - 7:30PM Sunday, July 21st thru Thursday, July 25th here @ Riverside!

Come as many evenings as you can! Families are welcome! A light supper each evening along w/fun & games!



Recent Deaths:

Our Shut-Ins:

Jean Aureli, Wade Bowen, Shirley Brocius, Sylvia Davis, Jean Hansen, Elaine Jelen, Laurie Luick, Jodi Masters, Flora O'Toole, Joan Swearengen, Dorothy Swick, Eileen Tallerico, Kay Vance

Prayer List:

Mike Emmick, Doug Roffle (Roberta Bradfield's brother), John, Chuck (family of Kristi Murawski), Bob Davis (Sylvia's son), Jimmie O'Toole (Bobbi's brother), Helen Delgrolice, Cassie (friend of Sheila Hare), Pat & Millard Walck (Sue Fallon's family), Onyx Carrig, Scott (Chris Soos' cousin), Corinne Kernin, Elisa Poole, Cindy Ransom, Jake Cooper (friend of the Buisch family), Becky Holt (Diane's daughter), Amy, Melissa, Arlene, Terry (Patty Geist's friends & boyfriend), Judy (friend of Jane Siever), Tina Jackson, Dawn Ralph, Sue Kline (friend of Babs DeMarco), Vicki & Ian Harnden (friends of Kimberly & Roger Yung), Emily Kernin, Liana (friend of Emily Kernin), Adam & Maria (friends of Barbara Rodgers), Chuck McCombs (Elisa's Dad), Elaine McCombs (Elisa's mom), Michele Brocius, the Maggi family, the Horne family, Enzo Volpe (Carm/CJ Dad/Grandpa), Mary Ryan, Steven Hoffman (Laura's cousin), Cathy Rieley Goddard