

OUR CHURCH FAMILY AT WORSHIP

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Communion Sunday

September 3, 2023

11:00 A.M.

TIME OF GATHERING: Read through Announcements, Pray over Concerns, Meditate on Celebrations and the wonder and grace of God, and Thanksgiving to God....

Please sign the red pads and pass it onto the next person in your pew.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Gathered in the name of Jesus Christ, inspired by the Holy Spirit, and blessed by God:

People: we come to worship one holy God.

Liturgist: O God, our own God, how wonderful is your name in all the earth.

People: Your majesty is the music of the starry skies, yet even children of dust can sing your praises.

Liturgist: In the name of Jehovah, Yahweh, Adonai, let your gratitude and joy be made known:

People: O God, our own God, how wonderful is your name in all the earth!

*HYMN

O God Our Help in Ages Past

No. 117

OPENING PRAYER (seated)

Unison: **Sovereign God, we look at the things you have made, the works of your hands, and we stop to consider them with awe. From the intricate immensity of the universe, to the specific singularity of a flower, your works astonish us. Who are we mortals that you pay attention to us? We are astonished at your love for us and we rejoice in your presence, praying in the name of the Creator, the Christ and the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 8

Liturgist: The Word of God for God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Amy Rose, vocal solo

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 34:5-7

MESSAGE

"Names of God: What's in a Name?"

Pastor Janet Sattel

*HYMN

This Is My Father's World

No. 144

+PASTORAL PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

*Congregational Response Tune: *"ITALIAN HYMN"*

To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be,

Hence, evermore. Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see,

And to eternity love and adore!

HOLY COMMUNION

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INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

All who truly and earnestly repent of your sin and who love your neighbors, who intend to lead a new life and follow God's ways: God invites you to turn from your old ways to find the right paths. God waits for us to admit what we have done, and failed to do, so we might be forgiven and graced with new life. Let us draw near with faith, and take this Holy Sacrament to our comfort, and make our humble confession to almighty God.

CONFESSION and PARDON

Unison: **Almighty God, Yahweh, El Shaddai, you have made us, you have named us. You have given us dominion over your creation, and yet, we admit that we have misused what you have given us and we have not always shared your love with others: others who are different, who are suffering, and those who are victims of fires, floods and war. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. We do earnestly repent and we are wholly sorry. Have mercy on us and forgive us, God of steadfast love and compassion. Forgive us of all that is past so that we might serve you, love you and enjoy your fellowship, walking in newness of life, to the glory of your name, through Jesus Christ, your only Son, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

(All pray in silence.)

Pastor: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING THE LORD'S PRAYER

The elements are distributed by the ushers so that we might receive communion in the pew. Please hold the elements until instructed to receive, that we might commune together as one table. (Gluten free wafers are available - please let an usher know if you are in need of one.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Unison: God of many names, we have eaten this bread and have drunk this cup, pour forth your spirit on us, and shape us as your church! Give us vision and strength that together we may shape the world you gave in peace and justice. Amen.

*HYMN *How Great Thou Art* No. 77

*BENEDICTION

Pastor: Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord, broken and shared, life for the world. Let us be wine, love freely poured.

People: Let us be one in the Lord.

All: Amen and Amen!

*PIANO RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

*All stand if possible +All kneel or sit to pray

We thank all those who helped with the service this morning.

Liturgist:

Many thanks to Elizabeth Breneman for providing the piano music for the service this morning.



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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Celebration of Faith



**Names of God:
What's in a Name?**

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Sermon Outline:

The Names of God: What's in a Name?

Psalm 8; Exodus 34:5-7

The names or titles that are used for God to the character and nature of God. We can learn more about how God relates to us and more about our God when we know these names.

A person's name spoke to their reputation, to their character and even their authority or power.

Jesus' name in Hebrew is Joshua – Yeshua – The Lord saves. When we pray in his name we are calling into our mind the character and nature of our Lord. We are praying in his name to show that we believe he is the one true God, the Savior of the world.

God reveals his name and his character in several places. Exodus 34 God describes himself by offering his name – his name is his character. He is compassionate and gracious, slow to become angry and patient with us. His love and faithfulness is steadfast and abounding!

We need to know who God is so that we can be in relationship with God.

The names of God are personal, because God is a personal God – God is interested in knowing us and in being known by us. The God of the bible is a living God, a loving God, who calls out to us, who sees us and knows us, and loves us.

He is the one who put on flesh – Yeshua – the God who saves. He loves us to the point of dying for each one of us. He is a personal God who is personally interested in you.

Rev 3:12 Jesus says, “I will write on you the name of my God ... and my own new name.” Jesus died for us and now we have his name written on our hearts. Now he calls us his beloved. God calls us his own, sons and daughters of the King. We are his beloved

Calendar for Week of 9/3/2023

SUNDAY

8:30 / 9:45 - Contemporary [Worship Center]

9:45 - Sunday School

11:00 - Traditional Worship [Sanctuary]

11:00 - Parenting SS Class [Lounge]

Youth Grades 6-12 please see Youth Page in the Announcements

MONDAY

Labor Day—Office Closed

TUESDAY

10: - Staff Meeting

11: - Free Noon Meal

9-11: - Moms Group

5:00 - Celebrate Recovery

THURSDAY

5:00 - Contemporary Design Team

5:30 - Traditional Design Team

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

9:00 - Contemporary Worship Rehearsal

SUNDAY

8:30 / 9:45 - Contemporary [Worship Center]

9:45 - First grade Bible presentation

9:45 - Sunday School

11:00 - Traditional Worship [Sanctuary]

11:00 - COGS Kids pageant rehearsal

11:00 - Parenting SS Class [Lounge]

12:00 - New Members Lunch

2:00 - CR Training

Youth Group - see Youth Page in the Announcements