

Participating in Worship Today

Piano:	Julie von Eschen
Song Leaders:	Steve & Kelly Brumm
Greeter:	Judy Edwards
Ushers:	Tom & Ruth Dobson
Reader:	Ruth Dobson
Audio Tech:	Alan Ferguson
Serving Communion:	April Yancer & Mary Penninga
Coffee Hour:	POTLUCK!!!
Ministers:	All the people
Pastor:	Brad Brookins

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father 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 sins,

As we forgive those who sin 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

Metamorphosis

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Transfiguration Sunday

February 26, 2016

Greeting

Into Silence

Prelude

How Great Thou Art

*** Call to Worship**

Psalm 36. 5-9

L: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgements are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.

P: How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

All: For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

Hymn

We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

*** Prayer**

Draw us nearer, Blessed Lord. We are awed by the pleasures and overcome by the problems of this world, but we long today to be close to you. Forgive our wandering hearts. Restore to us your Holy Spirit. Restore us to your holy presence. Increase our faith. We ask these things not because we are worthy but because we are needy and because you have promised to help us through the one who loved us, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*** Assurance**

"Let not your hearts be troubled..."

Thanks be to God!

*** The Song!**

*Halle! Halle! Halle – luia
Halle! Halle! Halle – luia
Halle! Halle! Halle – luia
Halleluia! Halleluia!*

What's Happening!

Offering

Redemption 2017

I cannot redeem the days gone by
nor live, before their time,
those yet to come...

Offertory

Amazing Grace

*** Response**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

*** Prayer of Dedication (Unison)**

With thanksgiving and praise we bring our offerings to you. May these gifts aid the hands that heal and the hearts that reconcile. May we shine the light of the gospel into the night around us and be the blessing you desire for the world you love. We pray, as always, in Jesus name. Amen.

1st Scripture Reading

Luke 9. 18-25

2nd Scripture Reading

Luke 9. 28-36

Sermon

The Table of Our Lord

We are Invited

Our Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Every Time I Hear the Spirit

*** Hymn**

Shine, Jesus Shine

*** Benediction**

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An Open and Affirming Congregation



Please remember with your prayers, cards, and calls:

- Jon and Marijane Beutler and boys
- Ed Ristow (Charmaine Ristow's brother) dealing with Alzheimer's
- Roger Stoll dealing with continuing medical issues.
- Donna Stoll, recovering from surgery
- Kelly Brumm's brother and sister recovering from surgery

The text for next Sunday's Adult Bible Study is Luke 10. 25-42. This is the very familiar story of the Good Samaritan. Please join us for lively conversation and see if you don't learn more than you already know.

Serving in Worship on March 5, 2017

Please note: ushers needed on the 5th; communion help on the 12th and 26th.

Greeter:	Judy Hale
Ushers:	
Reader:	Barbara Schmidt
Audio Tech:	Alan Ferguson
Serving Communion:	Steve & Kelly Brumm
Coffee Hour:	Leon & Julie McGregor

The Lenten season begins with our Ash Wednesday service on March 1st at 7:00 p.m. Those who attend this evening service always describe it as a deeply meaningful experience. If you haven't participated in a while please join us and see why.

Our Simple Supers Bread, Soup and conversation series begins on Wednesday, March 8. Supper is at 6:00 with the discussion beginning around 6:30. The sign-up sheet for soups and breads will start circulating this Sunday. Do join in. This is always a highlight of our church year.

POTLUCK!!! Coffee Hour this week. Bring a little of whatever you have and it will be enough.

Do justice and have fun at the same time. Stop by the Fair Trade kiosk after church to buy what we have or to place a special order.



Our **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING** offering will be received this Sunday. Look here: <http://www.ucc.org/oghs> for more information. Be as generous as you can.

Redemption 2017

I cannot redeem the days gone by
nor live, before their time,
those yet to come.
I cannot redeem the days gone by,
they must be gone.
And those to come be glimpsed
through glass darkened,
stained with hope.

I cannot redeem the days gone by
nor live those yet to come
before their time.
There is this day,
these hours,
their coming and going quickened.
There is a breath,
in this precious moment.

I cannot redeem the days gone by,
but only let them be
forgiven. The days to come
come, as they will,
without my prattling on.
May hope plant me here
in this one moment.
Pray, let me be with this breath.

These are the questions that have been submitted so far for our Simple Supper discussions that begin on March 8. I will be asking you to help me decide where we focus. It's not too late to suggest a topic.

1. I was baptized as an infant and have never not known Jesus. What does it feel like to be born again? Am I missing something? How many times can one be "born again"?
2. How do we know if we are a Christian?
3. How do we talk about our faith and our church in a way that is inviting and not confrontational, inspiring without being judgmental and expresses our excitement and joy without sounding superior or "too holy"? And how do we talk to family and friends who are also people of faith but whose beliefs are very different from ours?
4. How do we stand up for what is right/how do we call out someone who is making derisive or inappropriate comments about another person?
5. Should the Pledge of Allegiance say "One nation *under God*?"
6. Why did Jesus die? Is there a connection between his death and eternal life for us?
7. What does the phrase "eternal life" mean?
8. Why could Jesus heal people but we can't today (in the same way, at least)?
9. How can we have genuine and civil conversations across the political divides we have today?
10. What's the incentive to not sin if the all-merciful God forgives all our sins?
11. What social issues did Jesus advocate for? Would Jesus advocate for any social issues today? Which ones?
12. Prayer. What is it; how do we do it? What is meditation and contemplative prayer, and how do we do that? If you have a concern and you're looking to get it resolved, is it appropriate to pray for this concern daily, or are we to turn it over to God and move on?
13. What are the "Beatitudes" and how can they direct our lives today? What can this passage teach us about prayer and contemplation?
15. Some people think Christianity and patriotism are not compatible and that we should not pledge allegiance to or display the flag or sing patriotic songs in church. Why would someone think we can't be a Christian and be loyal to our country at the same time?
16. Why are there so many Christian denominations? Why did Christianity become so splintered? Are the other main religions as fractured as Christianity?