

Welcome to our Worship Service today!

We are so glad you are with us and pray that you will sense the presence of God in a powerful way as we worship together. God bless you richly!

**Please stand if you are able*

PRELUDE

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLES

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let praise to God resound in the heavens!

Let praise to God fill the earth!

Let all God's angels offer praise and rejoicing!

Let all God's creatures sing praise and joy!

Open your hearts and spirits today.

Let us praise the Lord today and always! AMEN.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN UMH #384

“Love, Divine, All Love Excelling”

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

“Language of Love”

*HYMN TFWS #2193

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Patient God, sometimes we are just too busy for our own good. We pledge ourselves to hectic schedules, demands on time, energy, and resources that erode all too quickly. We seem to be rushing through life. The cries of those in need often go unheeded in our blur of activities which sap our energy, our resources, our spirits. Slow us down a bit, Lord. Remind us again that we are responsible for the care of this world, for reaching out and offering your healing love. Help us to hear the words of patient love that you have for us. Remind us again of Jesus' words to his disciples when he told them that they should love one another as he loved them. May we take time to bear witness to that love in all that we do. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Wherever you are, Christ is with you. You are beloved of God and God's care will always surround you. Be at peace and rejoice! AMEN.

PASTORAL PRAYER

When the news is loudly proclaiming anger, hostility, hatred, we are called by Christ to love one another. How hard that is, O Lord! Prejudice abounds in our land, and it is our shame, as we proclaim our faith in you. You call us to love one another, but we put conditions on that love: some of these conditions regard race, economic status, gender, age, nationality. It is easy to love people with whom we feel comfortable. It is more difficult to love those who are different from us. And that, O Lord, is our dilemma. Teach us how to love and accept the diversity in our land. Help us to treasure each other for the wondrous gifts and talents each person has. Sharpen our ears to hear words of love when whispered and shouted. Tune our hearts to your healing message of acceptance and compassion for all. Help us to be the people of the Resurrection - who have been freed from the bonds of death. We place our lives in your care, merciful Lord. AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word. Silence in us any voices but your own, so that we may hear your Word and also do it; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Kings 18:15-21

The Word of God for the peoples of God. **Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

John 13:31-35

*GLORY BE TO THE FATHER UMH #70

*HYMN TFWS #2223

“They'll Know We Are Christians”

MESSAGE “Love Despite Differences”

Pastor Debra Schaffran

GIVING BACK TO GOD

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We walk by faith, we live by faith, we give by faith. God of great gifts, you have given us so much, accept these gifts from our hands, our faithful response to your abundant grace Amen

*HYMN TFWS #2284

“Joy in the Morning”

BENEDICTION

*PARTING MUSIC TFWS #2129 Vs. 1 & 2

“I Have Decided To Follow Jesus”

THIS WEEK'S HAPPENINGS

Sun. May 19

9:30 a.m. Fellowship
10:30 a.m. Children's Choir
10:30 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Clunky Change
10:30 a.m. LOVE Offering Sunday

Mon, May 20

7 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Tues., May 21

10 a.m. – 8 p.m. CORE
5:30 p.m. TOPS

Wed., May 22

5:30 p.m. Youth Group

Sun. May 26

9:30 a.m. Fellowship
10:30 a.m. Worship

ASSISTING TODAY

Acolyte

Lily Hanson

Flowers

Valerie Prax

Greeters & Ushers

Mike & Valerie Prax

Reader

Heather Hanson

Servers

Mike & Naomi Schultz

Sound

Rod Schaffran

**Note: you must find your own
replacement if unable to assist.**

Organists/Pianists:

Phyllis Junnila
Maree Nordenstrom
Elaine Keehr
Derrick Kohlgraf

Offering May 5

Pledge \$915.00
Non pledge \$267.00
Loose \$31.00
Love Offering \$25.00
Missions \$5.00
Total \$1,238.00

Attendance 50

**Cross & Flame Deadline-
May 18th**



CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

May 19, 2019 10:30 a.m.

“Living for Christ, Sharing His Love”

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