

* Indicates, please stand if able.

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost/Heritage Sunday July 9, 2023, 9 am
Liturgist: Daniel Brauner

WELCOME, PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST, & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Matthew 11)**

L: Christ calls those who are weary and heavy laden.

P: In Christ, we find rest.

L: Christ calls us to bear his yoke and learn from him.

P: In Christ, we see God's ways.

L: Christ is gentle and humble in heart.

P: In Christ, we know God's love.

A: Come, for Christ calls us here.

***OPENING PRAYER (Matthew 11)**

You have walked many miles with us, O God. You have comforted and strengthened us along the way. Keep us on your path, for we easily lose our way. As we learn to live in your ways, help us choose the cause of justice and righteousness. AMEN.

*OPENING HYMN *"I Love to Tell the Story"* UMH #156

CHILDREN'S TIME Roxie Hostrawser

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MEMBER TESTIMONIES-HERITAGE SUNDAY

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful and loving God, we are so grateful for your redeeming love for each one of us. We confess that there have been times of doubt in our spirits. We confess that when the times of difficulties are upon us, we don't always believe that you will take our burdens. We feel we have to always be in control, trying to demand the desired outcome. Help us to place our trust in you. Remind us that you surround us continually with your care, you never just let us go to drift aimlessly about. Open our hearts and spirits again to your healing powers. For we pray these things in the name of Jesus, the one who will take our burdens and give us peace. AMEN

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news, dear friends! Jesus releases us from our burdens. Place your whole trust in his love. AMEN.

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Shon

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(In Unison)*

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, and the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN.

MEMBER TESTIMONY-HERITAGE SUNDAY Daniel Brauner

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (Genesis 24, Matthew 11)

Isaac offered gifts to show his commitment to Rebekah, and Rebekah responded with faithful love. May we respond to God's commitment with faithful love to those who are in need of our gifts this day.

SPECIAL MUSIC *It is Well with My Soul* Paula Voskuil

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH #94

*OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Shon

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 11:1-3, 10

“A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse. From his roots a branch will bear fruit, The spirit of the Lord will rest on him-the spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the spirit of counsel and of power, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord-and he will delight in the fear of the Lord. ... In that day the root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him and his place of rest will be glorious.”

MEMBER TESTIMONY-HERITAGE SUNDAY Roxie Hostrawser

*HYMN OF PRAISE *Amazing Grace* UMH #378

MEMBER TESTIMONY-HERITAGE SUNDAY Mary Van Gordon

*CLOSING HYMN *Jesus Loves Me* UMH #191

*BENEDICTION Rev. Shon

POSTLUDE *I'm Gonna Live so God Can Use Me* TFWS #2153
Congregation Join in Singing as we Process Out

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER REQUESTS: Please pray for people in need in our church, community, nation, and the World.

HERITAGE SUNDAY: Thank you all so much for your cooperation for Heritage Sunday.

GOLF OUTING: Today at 1 pm at Skyline Golf Course and anyone is welcome to dinner at 6 pm at church.

CONGRATULATIONS: Madyson Schultz attends the 18 U Fast pitch World Series in Australia as a team member of the USA.

VBS: Saturday, Aug. 12, 9am-12pm and Sunday, Aug. 13, 9am-11am.

BRF SUMMERFEST PICNIC: Sunday, Aug. 13th from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm at church

HOLY LAND TRIP: January 11-20, 2024, 10-Day Gold Select Journey in Israel, Palestine with Bishop Hee-Soo Jung & Rev. Scott Carlson, see Pastor for more information.

SCRIP CARDS: When you are thinking of ideas for gift-giving or personal use, consider Scrip cards. Stop at the gathering area on Sundays or call Marcia at 715-284-3346

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLE FARM: A few of the Youth go to this event to help set up the camp, on Sat. July 29, Sullivan, WI. If you are interested, please contact the Pastor.

FELLOWSHIP: Esther Shon

USHER/GREETERS: Luane Meyer and Roxi Hostrawser

Bible Verse of the week: *Matthew 24:35*

“Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.”

Bible Trivia of the Week:

`And there arose not a prophet since in Israel like unto _____,
whom the LORD knew face to face.`

A. Moses B. Jacob
C. Abraham D. David

See: Deuteronomy 34:10

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