

### Prayer List

Bill Andersen	Mary Freeman	John Patterson
Fred Anderson	Cordial Gilette	Dale Perkins
Lynn Belcher	Gregory Family	Ethel Perkins
Mary Cass	Michael Heinrich	Jack Ryder
Mark Christian	Joe Hudgins	Mary Lee Swickert
Doc Coleman	Joseph Jaeger	Connie Ton
Todd Davis	Holly Mann	Robert Turner
Michael Franciose	Ed Niesen	Sandy Veselka
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**Pastor: Rev. Mark Gregory**      **Ministers: The Congregation**  
**Worship: 10:00 A.M.**

**July 23, 2017**

### This Week's Calendar July 23-29, 2017

Sunday	Worship/Kid's Church	10:00am
	Coffee Time	11:00am
Monday	Building & Grounds Meeting	10:30am
Wednesday	Newsletter Mailing	9:00am
	4H Fashion Show	8am-9pm
	Alpha Group	5:15pm
Thursday	Love Your Neighbor - Rogers Park trip	8:30am

### Offerings for July 16, 2017

### Worship Assistants for July 30, 2017

Operating	\$7,108.66	<u>Liturgist</u>	<u>Greeters:</u>
Designated	\$1.00	7/30 - Art Prochaska	7/30 - Fred & Gail Gaebler
Attendance	111	<u>Church Guardians</u>	
		Ben Moe (7/23)	
		Fred Dickson (7/30)	

### This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries

Today	Ryan Strong	
Monday	Cindi Knox	Pat Ruzicka
Tuesday	Monica Sartori	Scott Myers
Wednesday	Alex & Jamie McLeod - 9 years	
Thursday	Brecken Tsusaki	
Friday	Keith Frisk	
Saturday	Chris Andrus	

### Next Week's Calendar July 30-August 5, 2017

Sunday	Church Picnic	11:30am
Tuesday	Stephen Ministry	7:00pm
Wednesday	Alpha Group	5:15pm



## As We Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

“Our reconciliation to God is permanent and eternal. Because Christ accomplished it for us, there is no possibility it can ever be undone. Though we continue, even as believers, to do those things that in themselves deserve God’s displeasure, we can never revert to a state of divine alienation. For the sake of Christ, God will always accept us.” ~**Jerry Bridges, “The Gospel for Real Life”**

“Here we see the infinite love of God, that He has been pleased to think of us poor creatures from everlasting and make it His work to reconcile us to Himself. And here is the foundation of the sweetness and comfort of all the mercies of God to those who are reconciled to Him: they are the fruits of the eternal love of God for us.” ~**Burk Parsons, “Assured by God”**

“We are all one - or at least we should be - and it is our job, our duty and our great challenge to fight the voices of division and seek the salve of reconciliation.” ~**Roy Barnes**

## We Gather Together

**Prelude:**  
**Lighting the Path**  
**Ringling of the Bells**  
**Welcome and Trinitarian Greeting**

Tina Andersen, Organist

## A Time for Praise and Preparation

### **Call to Worship:**

**Leader:** O give thanks to the Lord, make known God’s deeds among the peoples.

**People:** **Sing to the Lord; tell of all God’s wonderful works.**

**Leader:** Glory in God’s holy name.

**People:** **Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.**

**Leader:** Seek the Lord’s strength and presence continually.

**ALL:** **Praise God, whose judgments are in all the earth.**

### **Opening Hymn:**

*All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name*

*Chalice Hymnal #91*

### **Children’s Message**

#### **\*Prayer of Invocation:**

Living God, I approach you in my weakness, asking for strength for my journey from the only place it is available - your Spirit. In this time of worship, fill me with your Holy Spirit, and open my eyes to see you as my ever-present help. Increase my trust in you. Help me to know, without a doubt, that nothing in this world can separate me from your love. I pray in the name of Jesus, the One who lived your love completely. Amen.

#### **\*The Gloria Patri:**

Glory be to the Savior, and to our God, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, love without end. Amen.

#### **\*Passing the Peace:**

With a “Holy Hug” or a “Holy Handshake,” we greet those around us as a sharing of God’s love with the words, “Welcome, the Peace of Christ be with you.”

## **Announcements, Joys & Concerns**

### **The Pastoral Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer**

## Responding to God’s Gifts and Grace

### **The Call for the Offering**

#### **The Offertory:**

#### **\*The Presentation - The Doxology:**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ and Spirit One. Amen.

#### **\*Prayer of Dedication of Gifts and Self:**

Receive these offerings as a prayer of gratitude for the hope that sustains me in even my most difficult times. You have called me to be the very presence of Christ in this hurting world. I offer these gifts to you as symbols of my willingness to spend my time, my energy and my material resources to continue Christ’s ministry of reconciliation. Guide me in using all that I have and all that I am to make God’s grace and Christ’s love known to others. In His name I pray, Amen.

## We Listen for God’s Word

### **Scripture Background**

#### **Scripture Lessons: Matthew 13:24-30**

He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

#### **2 Corinthians 5:16-20**

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

#### **Message:**

*Reconciled!*

*Pastor Mark Gregory*

## Preparing for a Week of Serving

#### **\*The Closing Hymn:**

*Shine Jesus! Shine!*

*Supplemental Hymnal #10*

~ Carrying the Light into the World ~

#### **\*The Commissioning, Benediction and Response:**

#### **Postlude:**

**Tina Andersen**