

Prayer List

Bill Andersen	Cordial Gilette	Dale Perkins
Fred Anderson	Gregory Family	Ethel Perkins
Lynn Belcher	Michael Heinrich	Gavin Redmon
Mary Cass	Joe Hudgins	Jack Ryder
Mark Christian	Joseph Jaeger	Norma Slick
Doc Coleman	Holly Mann	Mary Lee Swickert
Todd Davis	Olivia Mann	Robert Turner
Michael Franciose	Ed Niesen	Sandy Veselka
Bob Freeman	Joanne O'Brien	Marie Wayne
Mary Freeman	John Patterson	



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Pastor: Rev. Mark Gregory **Ministers: The Congregation**
Worship: 10:00 A.M.

August 6, 2017

This Week's Calendar August 6-12, 2017

Sunday	Communion Sunday	10:00am
	Worship Ministry Mtg.	11:15am
Tuesday	Personnel Meeting	6:00pm
	Stewardship	7:00pm
Wednesday	Pastoral Care	10:00am
	Joliet Slammers Game	7:05pm
Thursday	Financial Committee	6:00pm
	SLT Meeting	7:00pm

Offerings for July 30, 2017

Operating \$2,871.00
 Designated \$1.00
 Attendance 115

Worship Assistants for August 13, 2017

Liturgist
 8/13 - Coral Clevenger

Greeters:
 8/13 - Joe & Tracy Duran

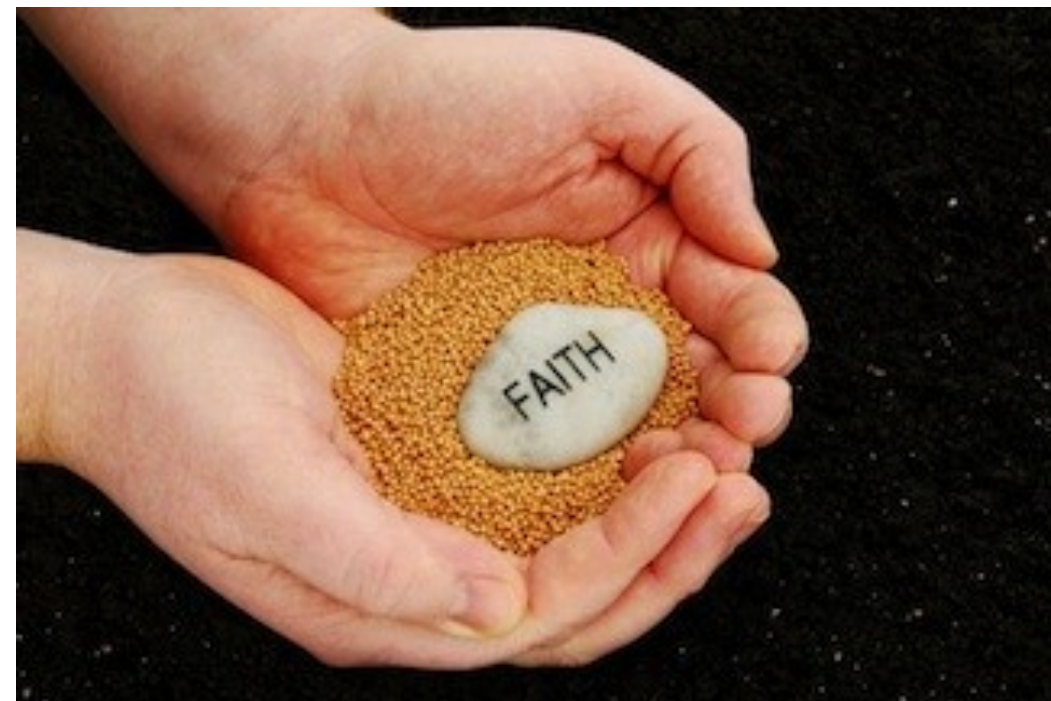
Church Guardians
 Jeff Farren (8/6)
 Andy Hamblin (8/13)

This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries

Today	Chelsea Skinner	Penelope Skinner	Lincoln Skinner
Monday	Abby Rhodes	Beck Jerabek	Jeff Farren
Tuesday	Tim & Monica Sartori - 20 years		Andy & Pam Hamblin - 26 years
	Jerry & Anne Engelhardt - 47 years		Jan Essex
Wednesday	Craig & Sarah Pottinger - 14 years		Brad Andrus
Thursday	Peg Trumble	Charlotte Shatters	
Saturday	Tony & Laurie Houle - 39 years		
	Bill Anderson	Lou Ann Hoffman	

Next Week's Calendar August 13-19, 2017

Sunday	Missions	9:00am
	Outreach & Welcoming	11:00am
Tuesday	JOY Circle Meeting	12:00pm
Wednesday	Alpha Group	5:15pm
Saturday	Men's Fellowship	9:00am



As We Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

Jesus said, "The Kingdom of God is within you" and "I only say what I hear the Father saying and I only do what I see the Father doing". Therefore, the Kingdom of God is something we experience, articulate, and do. It is already here but not yet fully realized. ~R. Alan Woods

Jesus made clear that the Kingdom of God is organic and not organizational. It grows like a seed and it works like leaven: secretly, invisibly, surprisingly, and irresistibly. ~Os Guinness

Suffering, failure, loneliness, sorrow, discouragement, and death will be part of your journey, but the Kingdom of God will conquer all these horrors. No evil can resist grace forever. ~Brennan Manning

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: The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders over mighty waters.

People: **The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

Leader: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

All: **May the Lord give strength to God's people! May the Lord bless the people with peace!**
– Based on Psalm 29:3-4, 10-11

Opening Hymn: *God of Grace and God of Glory* *Chalice Hymnal #464 (verses 1,3,5)*

***Prayer of Confession**

Though we live in a world of abundance, we confess, God of all, that we often cultivate the fear of scarcity. We hoard our blessings, earthly and heavenly, concerned that if we benefit others we might suffer want and need. We are afraid of feeling the least bit hungry so we are always stuffed. We are afraid of trusting you, so we gather and garner and store far more than we could ever use. We use words of faith, but we live lives of mistrust. May I, hear your call, Jesus, to love my neighbor, and to share what I have. May I trust that there is, and always will be, enough for everyone around the world. May I stop worshipping borders and boundaries and instead recognize your spirit, your divine light, in everyone. This I pray in your name, Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Pastor: God knows our weakness, God sees our lack of faith, God feels the pain of our sins, but God will always love us, and in Christ Jesus, God forgives us. This is the Good News Christ came to reveal.

People: **I know God's love and forgiveness in my life because of Jesus. Thank you, God!**

***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:**

Gracious God, I offer you thanksgiving and praise for the gift of your steadfast and eternal love, and your endless bounty, which you invite me to share with all. Multiply and magnify these gifts to your work, so that as I give in your name and in your spirit, all your children may be blessed one hundredfold! Amen.

We Listen for God's Word

Scripture Background

Scripture Lessons: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-46

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened." "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

Message:

Describing the Indescribable

Pastor Mark Gregory

***SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION - (ON SCREEN)**

Preparing for a Week of Serving

***The Closing Hymn:**

Heart of Worship

Supplemental Hymnal #8

~ Carrying the Light into the World ~

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

Postlude:

Tina Andersen