

Sunday Morning Worship

August 30, 20269:00 a.m.

Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. If you are visiting with us, please introduce yourself to the pastor following the service.

*Congregation standing for those who are able

The Words of Welcome and Announcements

Our Approach to God

PreludePreambleVierne

The Call to Worship

We gather as a community of compassion and hope.
Jesus calls us to care for each other tenderly and willingly.
By this caring and sharing we will be known as followers of Christ.
By our example others may be led to lives of peace.
Lord, open our hearts and minds this day to Your Word.
Teach us to serve You with all our gifts and talents. Amen.

*The Hymn of PraiseLord, I Want to Be a Christian372

*The Call to Confession
If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
But if we confess our sins, God Who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us, therefore, confess our sins:

*The Prayer of Confession
Gracious God, we live in a culture that is reluctant to admit guilt, assume responsibility, or ask for forgiveness. But we know we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us, forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon
Our God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. God readily forgives the sins of those who humbly repent. Know this: God forgives us all our sins and desires us to walk in newness of life, to our great benefit and to God’s eternal glory! Amen.

*The Gloria Patri579

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

The Word of God

The Old TestamentExodus 3: 1-15page 80

The Gospel ReadingMatthew 16: 21-28page 1398

The SermonWhat are We Willing to Carry?Rev. Kathleen Rowe

Our Response to Serve

*The Affirmation of FaithThe Apostles’ Creed (Traditional)page 14

*The HymnBeneath the Cross of Jesus92

The Morning Prayers and the Lord’s Prayer (using sins)
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 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.

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory Prelude in G Major, BWV 541

*The Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him
all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly
host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*The Prayer of Dedication

Bach



*The Hymn Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said 393

*The Charge and Benediction

*The Congregational Response *Go with Us, Lord* 535
**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,
That in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to You.**

Postlude Festival Voluntary Peeters

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Liturgist: Star Munroe
Greeter: Sally Carney
Ushers: Randy Wierda, Patty Donahue, Anne and Wally Schmidt
Fellowship Hour: Larry Smith

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Seeking and Serving Christ, We are a Place for Growing Christians.

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