



Bethel

CONGREGATIONAL
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Born of Love

Shaped by Grace

Transformed for Service

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Order of Worship

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*Indicates an invitation to stand as you are able.

The congregation is invited to respond with the words printed in BOLD.

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Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

*Call To Worship

One: The season of autumn is upon us.

Many: **When we see the leaves a different color, we know that change is happening.**

One: Falling leaves may mean extra work – raking, piling and bagging.

Many: **Falling leaves may signal to us that winter is coming, and sunshine is waning.**

One: Falling leaves may also be a sign of life – for they reveal a beauty that only can be seen when they surrender to the seasons.

Many: **May our worship of the Living God draw us into a language of life, in the midst of uncertainty and challenge.**

*Hymn #177

God of Change and Glory

Opening Prayer

Holy Spirit, awaken our hearts and minds to your presence, right here, right now. (Silence...) Connect us with your vision for the world. Reveal the power and serenity of finding our purpose. Inspire us to be doers of your will and way. Send us the blessings that release our energy and set us free. Plant and nurture the seed of hope that equips us to acknowledge the brokenness in our world without being overcome by it. Help us to choose life! Through the name and spirit of Jesus who showed us the way of abundant life. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 30:11-12, 19 Luke 24:1-8

Sermon

Leading Causes of Life



*Sing! #73

Like a Healing Stream

Moment for Stewardship Heather Griffo, Paige Unangst, and Meredith Gordon

Prayers of the People

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Quiet Prayer and Reflection

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

Our Father/Mother, 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.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

*Doxology #785

**We give you but your own, what e'er the gift may be;
All that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully!**

*Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, inspire us to continued growth in faith. May our growing faith deepen our appreciation of what we have and who we are. Help us to hear and respond to the call to be your generous people, for we want to be people of life. In the name of Jesus, we pray, Amen.

*Song

Ain't Gonna Study War No More!

*Benediction

Postlude

Mission Statement

- While our Christian faith is 2000 years old, our thinking is not.
- We are a people on a faith journey where grace abounds.
- We celebrate God's still speaking voice revealed in our world today.
- We worship God, share the life and teachings of Jesus Christ and practice God's unconditional love for all creation.
- We act on our faith to achieve needed works of service, justice, love and kindness.
- We support one another, celebrating our roots and enthusiastically embracing our evolving future.
- We are an open and affirming congregation welcoming all in God's family wherever each is in life's journey.

Birthdays This Week

Dan Griffo 10/23
Neomie Lemke 10/24
Jean Doane 10/27
Weston Knudsen 10/27

Today's Worship Leaders

Reader—Paige Unangust
Flowers—Sue Pike
Ushers—George Patch (Head), Janice Burris, Michelle Green, Christine Erickson
Coffee—HOME PERK
Food—Meredith Gordon
Open and Close—David Green
Sound—Monique Manley-Smith, Nikki Manley-Smith
Nursery—Megan Lucas-Griffiths, Kathryn Fairman
K-3—Hannah Lindsey, Sami Faile

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