

✚ **Doxology** [IN UNISON]

“Praise God...”

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

Offering Prayer

GOING FORTH

✚ **Closing Hymn #702**

“Sing with All the Saints in Glory”

HYMN TO JOY

Commission, Benediction, and Passing the Peace video: “Psalm 121 ~

Prayer for Travelers” by TWOTP

*May you go, manifesting our faith into action with the strength of God upholding us,
the words of Jesus steadying us and the power of the Holy Spirit encircling us!*

Postlude

Meetings & Opportunities this week:

TODAY at 9:00 am Sunday Worship
Reception for Sandy Lybe and Family
at 10:45 am Church Conference in Fellowship Hall
at 2:30 pm Youth Group in Fellowship Hall
Mon., Aug. 24 at 10:30 am Tai Chi in Fellowship Hall
Tues., Aug. 25 at 7:00 pm Church Council in Fellowship Hall
Wed., Aug. 26 at 5:00 pm Open Door Band Practice in Sanctuary
at 6:00 pm Open Door Dinner in Fellowship Hall
at 7:00 pm Open Door Worship Service in Sanctuary
Thurs., Aug. 27 at 3:00 pm “Our Daily Bread” in Food Barn
Sun., Aug. 30 at 9:00 am Traditional Worship Service at Chapel in the Pines
at 10:30 am Lay Led Devotional Service in Sanctuary

AA meetings in Fellowship Hall Monday - Friday at noon and Saturday at 9:30 p.m.



The Service of Worship
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Rev. Alex da Silva Souto, Pastor
Sandy Lybe, Music Minister
Brinna Kolitz, Youth Leader
Emily Nixon, Open Door Band Leader

Sunday, August 23, 2015 at 9:00

You are invited to worship with us in the quiet of prayer, in the joy of song, and in the desire to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Part of our mission is to be a place for all people. All are welcome here! Whatever your gender, age, race, religious background, economic status, sexual orientation or condition of ableness, we greet you as a beloved child of God.

* The order of service is subject to change at the leading of the Holy Spirit.

✚ Means you are invited to stand if able.

ENTRANCE & PRAISE

Prelude

Welcome & News

Kimber Malinowski

[Please refer to the bulletin insert for “Our Life in Community” news, and please share it with your family and friends.]

✚ **Call to Worship**

Kimber Malinowski

How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

Our soul longs for the courts of the Lord;

our heart and our flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young, at Your altars, O Lord of hosts.

Happy are those who live in Your house, ever singing your praise.

Happy are those whose strength is in You, in whose heart are the highways to You.

We go from strength to strength; the God of gods lives among us.

O Lord God of hosts, hear our prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob!

Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of Your anointed.

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

*We would rather be doorkeepers in the house of our God
than live in the tents of wickedness.*

For the Lord God is a sun and shield; God bestows favor and honor.

No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly.

O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

✠ **Opening Hymn #158**

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

SPANISH HYMN

Prayers of the People [adapted from “Faith in Action” by John van de Laar]

*The world is not healed, O God, by correct ideas,
or intellectual nods in the direction of doctrine.*

*No, the world is healed when faith becomes a fire that captures our hearts,
that consumes our lives, and that moves us into actions of love and justice.*

And so we pray for all people of faith in this community,
friends and family members, strangers and newcomers,
that our faith may be expressed through actions of love and welcome
of inclusion and celebration.

[please feel encouraged to lift up names out loud or in your hearts]

We pray for those who are ill and in recovery:

We pray for those who are mourning the death of:

We pray for those who serve as first responders, public servants and in the armed forces:

We pray for those who are struggling:

We give You thanks for the miracles and joys bestowed upon:

*We pray for all people of faith in our nation, leaders and followers,
those with much, and those with little, that our faith may be expressed through actions
of generosity and unity, of listening and respecting.*

We pray for all people of faith in our world,
those who believe as we do,
and those who believe differently,
that our faith may be expressed through actions
of peacemaking and freedom-bringing,
of creation-caring and hope-giving.

Our world is not healed, O God, when faith is just words, ideas or rituals.

But, when faith is put into Christlike action,

healing is not just a possibility - it is a certainty.

It's a matter of good will. It's a matter of faith in action. Amen.

✠ **Hymn of Praise #92**

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

DIX

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination

Here we gather God Wisdom, where the echo of Your Voice still moves in the air.

Please open our ears to hear Your Word,

for now we meet, as eternity is expressed in time.

Divine Parent; open our eyes to see You smiling on us,

for once again, the Good News is revealed among us in physical form.

Generous Provider, open our hearts to welcome You into our lives.

Anthem

“Family of Faith”

MAC KENZIE

Children's Message

Pat Tripp

Congregation Sings “Jesus Loves Me” as children return to their pews.

Hebrew Bible Reading

“Deuteronomy 6:4-7” [NRSV]

Kimber Malinowski

⁴ Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. ⁵ You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. ⁶ Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. ⁷ Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

Epistle Reading

“1 Corinthians 15:12, 35” [NRSV]

Kimber Malinowski

¹² Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead,
how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead?
³⁵ But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised?
With what kind of body do they come?”

Epistle Reading

“Titus 2:7” [NRSV]

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⁷ Show yourself in all respects a model of good works,
and in your teaching show integrity, gravity,

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Reflecting on God's Message

Marilyn Fuller

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

Bell Choir