

Offering Prayer

GOING FORTH

✠ **Closing Hymn #382**

“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”

ADELAIDE

Commission, Benediction, and Passing the Peace

May the God of Hope fill us with all Joy and Peace.

To go into the world reflecting the light and love of Jesus Christ

In all that we say and do.

Postlude

Meetings & Opportunities this week:

- TODAY at 9:00 am Sunday Worship
- at 10:30 am Lay Led Devotional Service in Sanctuary
- Mon., Aug. 31 at 10:30 am Tai Chi in Fellowship Hall
- Tues., Sept. 1 at 7:00 pm Finance Committee in Fellowship Hall
- Wed., Sept. 2 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
- at 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 31 in Fellowship Hall
- Thurs., Sept. 3 at 7:00 am Business Network Group in Fellowship Hall
- at 3:00 pm “Our Daily Bread” in Food Barn
- at 7:00 pm Choir Practice in Sanctuary
- Fri., Sept. 4 at 9:00 am Litchfield Hill in kitchen and Fellowship Hall
- at 6:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 40236 in Fellowship Hall
- Sun., Sept. 6 Blood Pressure Checks by Parish Nurses
- at 8:30 am “Not Just Eggs” in Fellowship Hall
- at 9:30 am Traditional Worship in Sanctuary

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



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.**

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

Sunday, August 30, 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

ENTRANCE & PRAISE

Prelude

Welcome & News

Dave Kullgren

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

✠ **Call to Worship**

O God, our Guide and Guardian,
You have brought us into the quiet and peace of your sanctuary.
 Grant us grace to worship you in Spirit and in truth,
to the comfort of our souls and spirits.
 Enable us to do the work to which you have called us,
so we may worship you, not only with our lips at this hour,
 but with thoughtful words and deeds,
for all the days of our lives, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

Opening Prayer

Kevin Buckley

✠ **Opening Hymn #140**

Great is Thy Faithfulness {V.V. 1-2}

FAITHFULNESS

Prayer of Confession and Reconciliation

Most merciful God, we confess that 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.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name, especially now in this time of Silent Prayer ...

Words of Assurance

In the name of the risen Christ, you are forgiven.

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Glory to God. Amen.

✠ **Hymn of Praise #92** “Great is Thy Faithfulness” {V.V. 3} FAITHFULNESS

Prayers of the People [Joys and concerns are lifted before God and the congregation.]

Lord’s Prayer [IN UNISON] UMH 895

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 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

✠ **Hymn of Praise TFWS #2152** “Change My Heart, O God” CHANGE MY HEART

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination Kevin Buckley

Epistle Reading James 1:17-27 [TNIV] Chris Prause

¹⁷ Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. ¹⁸ God chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of first-fruits of all God created.

¹⁹ My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, ²⁰ because our anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. ²¹ Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

²² Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. ²³ Those who listen to the word but do not do what it says are like people who look at their faces in a mirror ²⁴ and, after looking at themselves, go away and immediately forget what they look like. ²⁵ But those who look intently into the perfect law that gives freedom and continue in it—not forgetting what they have heard but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

²⁶ Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless. ²⁷ Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being [contaminated] by the world.

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Children’s Message “What’s on the Inside?” Kevin Buckley
Congregation Sings “Jesus Loves Me” as children return to their pews.

Gospel Reading Mark 6:55-56; 7:1-8; 14-15; 21-23 [TNIV] Chris Prause

⁵⁵ The people ran throughout that whole region and carried the sick on mats to wherever they heard [Jesus] was. ⁵⁶ And wherever he went—into villages, towns or countryside—they placed the sick in the marketplaces. They begged him to let them touch even the edge of his cloak, and all who touched him were healed.

¹ The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus ² and saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. ³ (The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. ⁴ When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.)

⁵ So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, “Why don’t your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with defiled hands?”

⁶ He replied, “Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written: “ ‘These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.

⁷ They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules.’

⁸ You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions.”

¹⁴ Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, “Listen to me, everyone, and understand this.

¹⁵ [Nothing outside you can defile you by going into you. Rather, it is what comes out of you that defiles you.”

²¹ For from within, out of your hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder,

²² adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. ²³ All these evils come from inside and defile you.”

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Reflecting on God’s Message Kevin Buckley

✠ **Hymn of Response TFWS #2171** “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace” CHANNEL OF PEACE

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

✠ **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.*