

Meetings & Opportunities this week:

TODAY at 9:30 am Traditional Worship in Sanctuary
Mon., Sept. 7 Labor Day – Church Offices Closed
Tues., Sept. 8 at 4:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 40213 in Fellowship Hall
at 5:30 pm Evangelism Committee in Library
at 7:00 pm Trustees in Fellowship Hall
Wed., Sept. 9 at 2:00 pm Something for Seniors in Fellowship Hall
at 5:00 pm Open Door Band Practice in Sanctuary
at 7:00 pm Open Door Worship Service in Sanctuary
at 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 31 in Fellowship Hall
Thurs., Sept. 10 at 7:00 am Business Network Group in Fellowship Hall
at 3:00 pm “Our Daily Bread” in Food Barn
at 6:00 pm Congregational Care in Conference Room
at 7:00 pm Ed Center Board in Fellowship Hall
Sat., Sept. 12 at 5:00 pm Spaghetti Supper in Fellowship Hall
Sun., Sept. 13 Rally Sunday
at 9:30 am Traditional Worship in Sanctuary
at 2:30 pm Youth Group
at 6:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 40235 in Fellowship Hall

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

Sunday, September 6, 2015 at 9:30

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

*** 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

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

Psalm 146 The Message (MSG)

¹⁻² Hallelujah! O my soul, praise GOD!

All my life long I’ll praise GOD, singing songs to my God as long as I live.

³⁻⁹ Don’t put your life in the hands of experts who know nothing of life, of *salvation* life.

Mere humans don’t have what it takes; when they die, their projects die with them.

Instead, get help from the God of Jacob, put your hope in GOD and know real blessing!

GOD made sky and soil, sea and all the fish in it.

He always does what he says—he defends the wronged, he feeds the hungry.

GOD frees prisoners—he gives sight to the blind, he lifts up the fallen.

GOD loves good people, protects strangers, takes the side of orphans and widows, but makes short work of the wicked.

¹⁰ **GOD’s in charge—always. Zion’s God is God for good! Hallelujah!**

‡ Opening Hymn #434

“When the Poor Ones” [V.V. 1-2]

EL CAMINO

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

✠ **Hymn of Praise #434** “When the Poor Ones” [V.V. 3-4] EL CAMINO

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading Mark 7:24-37 [The Message] Dave Kullgren

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, ‘Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.’ But she answered him, ‘Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.’ Then he said to her, ‘For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.’ So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, ‘Ephphatha’, that is, ‘Be opened.’ And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, ‘He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.’

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Children’s Message “Walking with Jesus”
Congregation Sings “Jesus Loves Me” as children return to their pews.

Reflecting on God’s Message Dave Kullgren

✠ **Hymn #548** “In Christ There Is No East or West” MCKEE

Invitation to the Offering

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.*

Offering Prayer

HOLY COMMUNION

✠ **Hymn of Preparation # 618** “Let Us Break Bread Together” LET US BREAK BREAD

*[Communion is a time when we celebrate and share in the presence of the risen Christ around His Table. This is an open Table and all are invited. **You need not** be a member of this Church or any Church; **you need not** be baptized. **You need only desire a closer encounter with God.** John Wesley, the founder of the people called Methodists, believed that it is possible to have a conversion experience during Communion, and so all are welcome at the Lord's Table]*

The Great Thanksgiving [Please refer to pages 13-14 in the UMH]

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*

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread, Cup & Blessing

Prayer After Receiving

GOING FORTH

✠ **Closing Hymn #367** “He Touched Me” HE TOUCHED ME

Commission, Benediction, and Passing the Peace

Postlude