

they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

‘Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

The children are invited to come forward and sit at the chancel with the pastor as the congregation sings the first verse of Hymn 191, “Jesus Loves Me.”

Children’s Sermon

Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Please stand for the Doxology

Presentation

**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.**

Prayer of Dedication

All Sit.

Prayer

Loving God,
 call us together as your people; transform us with your love.
 Transform our hearts, that we may love generously.
 Transform our eyes, that we may see your grace.

Transform our hands, that we may serve others.
 Transform our spirits, that we may be the body of Christ,
 gathered to worship and sent out to serve. **Amen.**

RESPONSES

Please stand if you are able to sing the song.

Song 26 “Power of Your Love”

Morning Prayer

Joys and concerns are lifted before God and the congregation.

Please end your prayer with: **This is my prayer,**

The congregation may respond: **This is our prayer.**

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer of Confession

**Caring God,
 you call us to be the body of Christ:
 to live in community, to care for one another,
 to use our different gifts.
 Instead of working to sustain community,
 we follow our own desires.
 Instead of trusting in your care, we think we can do it alone.
 Forgive our neglect of others.
 Give us obedient spirits, that we may care for one another,
 depend on your love, and use our gifts for your gospel. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

Passing the Peace

The congregation joins in repeating Psalm 19:14

Let the words of my mouth,
**and the meditation of my heart,
 be acceptable in your sight, Lord,
 my strength and my redeemer.**

Sermon

RACHEL DUNCAN

Please stand if you are able to sing the song.

Song 36 “Rise Up and Praise Him”

SENDING FORTH



Altar Flowers: The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory and celebration of Art and Alice Smith’s birthdays by their son, Forrest Smith.

Joys and Concerns

our prayers are with:

- Sue Perry, whose father, Stuart Trowbridge, passed away on Monday at the age of 89.
- Kitty Muro’s grandson, who is recovering from an accident in Bethel Health Care Center. She reports he is doing well.
- Giovanni Thomas and his family as they go through Giovanni’s treatment for a cancerous mass behind his kidney.
- Janice Mayette, who recently had foot surgery.
- Helen Leary’s niece, Diane, who is grieving the loss of her husband.
- The family of John Farrell as they grieve his loss.
- Louise Fazio, whose kidney transplant stopped working.
- Robert Cerrato as he heals from leg and heart surgery.
- Jerry Jones as he recovers from an arm injury.
- Marlene Davis’ son, who is undergoing chemotherapy.
- Kay Jones’ niece, Sherri, whose cancer has returned.
- Jan and Gene Parsons’ friend, Brad, whose cancer has returned.
- Sue Sterling’s cousin, Mary, who has lung cancer
- Millie Ackerly’s daughter, who is receiving cancer treatment.

Meetings & Opportunities this week:

*Mon., Aug. 25 at 10:30 am Tai Chi in Fellowship Hall
 at 6:00 pm Open Door Band in Sanctuary
 at 7:00 pm Wesley Group in Fellowship Hall
 Wed., Aug. 27 at 7:00 pm BSA Troop 31 Leader’s Meeting in FH
 Thurs., Aug. 28 at 3:00 pm “Our Daily Bread” in Food Barn
 at 5:45 pm Bells Practice in Sanctuary
 Sun., Aug. 31 at 8:30 am Chapel in the Pines Worship Service
 at 10:00 am Blended Service in Sanctuary
 at 2:30 pm Youth Group*

Monday - Friday at noon AA meeting in Fellowship Hall