

# Reformation Sunday

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## GATHERING

### Prelude

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

setting, Donald Hustad

- P) Whoever you are. Wherever you are in your spiritual journey,  
C) **You are welcome here!**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

### Confession and Forgiveness

#### Welcome

- P) In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
C) **Amen.**

- P) Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
C) **Amen**

- P) If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*(Please kneel as you are able)*

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

- P) Most merciful God,  
C) **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

- P) Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

- C) **Amen**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

Greeting

- P) The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C) **And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*

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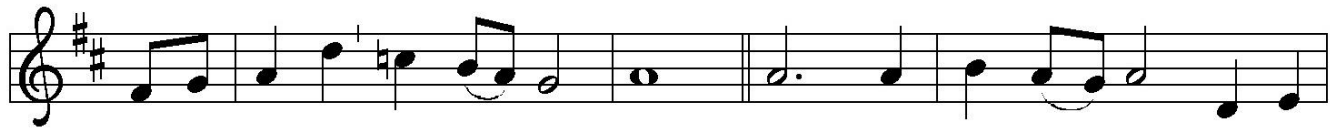
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

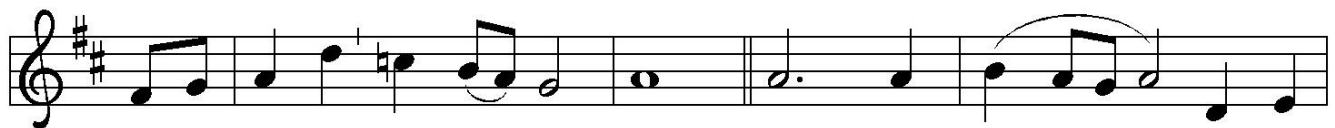


glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

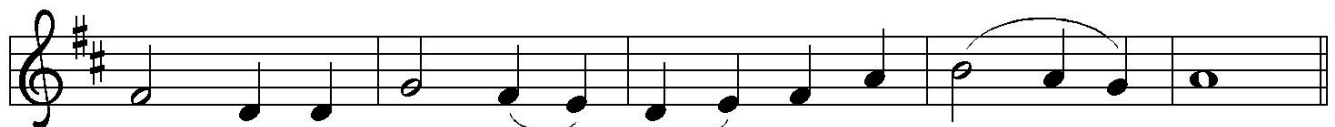
*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Prayer of the Day

- P) Let us pray,  
C) Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
C) **Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

## WORD

- A) Our First reading comes from Jeremiah 31:7-9

### **Jeremiah 31:7-9**

*This passage speaks not only of the southern kingdom, Judah, and its homecoming from exile in Babylon, but also of the northern kingdom (“Israel” or “Ephraim”) and its restoration. The northern tribes of Israel had been lost in exile to Assyria more than a century before Jeremiah prophesied.*

<sup>7</sup>Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,  
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;  
proclaim, give praise, and say,  
“Save, O LORD, your people,  
the remnant of Israel.”

<sup>8</sup>See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,  
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,  
among them the blind and the lame,  
those with child and those in labor, together;  
a great company, they shall return here.

<sup>9</sup>With weeping they shall come,  
and with consolations I will lead them back,  
I will let them walk by brooks of water,  
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;  
for I have become a father to Israel,  
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

- A) Word of God, Word of life.  
C) **Thanks be to God.**

Our Second reading comes from Hebrews 7:23-28

### Hebrews 7:23-28

*Human priests of old offered sacrifice for their own sins and served only until their death. In contrast, Jesus is God's Son, the holy, sinless, resurrected high priest. Death did not terminate his priestly service, but through his death he has interceded for our sins.*

<sup>23</sup>The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; <sup>24</sup>but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. <sup>25</sup>Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

<sup>26</sup>For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. <sup>27</sup>Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. <sup>28</sup>For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

- A) Word of God. Word of life.
- C) **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

### Gospel Acclamation



- P) The holy gospel according to Mark the 10th Chapter
- C) **Glory to you, O Lord.**

### Mark 10:46-52

*Bartimaeus comes to Jesus with faith, asking that he might see again. Recognizing Jesus' identity, Bartimaeus is the first person to call him "Son of David" in the Gospel of Mark.*

<sup>46</sup>As [Jesus] and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. <sup>47</sup>When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>48</sup>Many

sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”<sup>49</sup> Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.”<sup>50</sup> So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus.<sup>51</sup> Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.”<sup>52</sup> Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

- P) The gospel of the Lord.
- C) **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(Please be seated)*

**Youth Message**

Rev. Ginny Banister

**Sermon**

Rev. Ginny Banister

*(Please stand as you are able)*

**Hymn of the Day**

*“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”*

ELW 517

- A) With the whole Church, let us confess our faith:

**Apostles’ Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended into hell  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*(Please kneel as you are able)*

## Prayers of Intercession

- A) Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

*A brief silence.*

- A) Eternal Counselor, guide the church along your paths of mercy. Direct it to be a refuge where all are genuinely welcomed and their gifts are celebrated. God of grace,  
C) **hear our prayer.**
- A) Eternal Nurturer, preserve natural places for rest and rejuvenation. Guide the work of conservationists, park managers, urban planners, gardeners, and all caretakers of natural spaces. Attune us to the many wonders of the miraculous creation you have gifted to us. God of grace,  
C) **hear our prayer.**
- A) Eternal Wisdom, strengthen our faith to generously grant forgiveness and mercy to others as you have granted the same to us. Provide lawmakers, judges, and all those who occupy seats of power the wisdom to have merciful and compassionate hearts. God of grace,  
C) **hear our prayer.**
- A) Eternal Compassion, train us to respond to the cries of those in any kind of need. Give encouragement and comfort to those who call out for relief from illness, pain, grief, or other challenges, common to our sinful world, especially, Bob Boclair, Sandra Boclair, Jim Pickels, Linda Pickels, Liz Baisden, Ann Marie Farnsworth, Cheryl Glaubinger, Carol Grayson, Frannie Kirkpatrick, Brooke Meisel, Charlie Peterson, Willy Carey, George & Jeannine Springer, Vincent Baltor, Rebecca Yensen, Kitsy Cochran, Jennifer Whitesides, James Conway, Jamie Glendenning, Marietta Julienne, John McCurdy, Barbara Taylor, Avery Small, Austin Hobson, John Modi, Diana Ray, Mary Murphy, Beau Sahnaw, Mat Lewis, Stephen Milton, Rylan French, Cheryl Canipe, and the family of Sue Hromyak, God of grace,  
C) **hear our prayer.**
- A) Eternal Servant, grant vision and wisdom to the church so that those who are in need are not ignored. May the command of Jesus to love our neighbor sharpen our focus for work in the kingdom. God of grace,  
C) **hear our prayer.**
- A) Eternal Hope, may the legacy of the saints inspire us every day. We hold fast to the promise that we will be together in your presence forever. God of grace,  
C) **hear our prayer.**
- A) Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.  
C) **Amen**

*(please stand as you are able)*



## Peace

- P) The peace of Christ be with you always.  
C) **And also with you.**

*(Please be seated)*

## MEAL

### Offertory Anthem

*“Called to Be a People”*  
Flutist – Anuj Dalme

Michael Bedford

*(Please stand as you are able)*

### Offering Prayer

- A) Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.  
C) **Amen.**

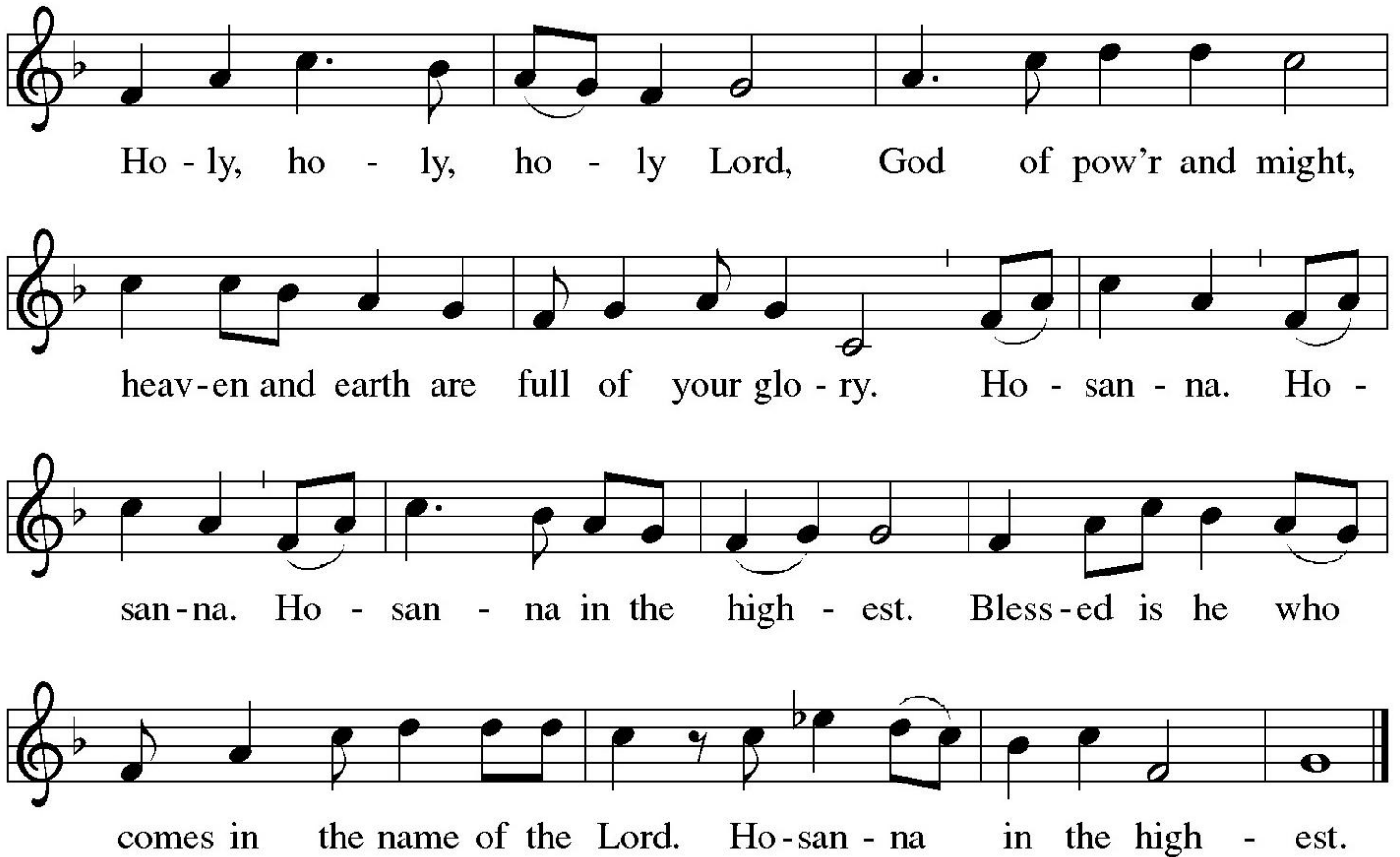
### The Great Thanksgiving

- P) The Lord be with you  
C) **And also with you**  
P) Lift up your hearts  
C) **We lift them to the Lord**  
P) Let us give thanks to the Lord our God  
C) **It is right to give God thanks and praise**

### Preface:

- P) It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## Eucharistic Prayer

P) Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:  
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.  
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.  
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.  
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.  
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.  
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,  
the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup  
We remember your Word dwelling among us,  
full of grace and truth.  
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.  
We look with hope for his coming.

All praise and glory are yours,  
Holy One of Israel,  
Word of God incarnate,  
Power of the Most High,  
one God, now and forever.

C) **Amen**

P) Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

### **Lord's Prayer**

**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 and ever. Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

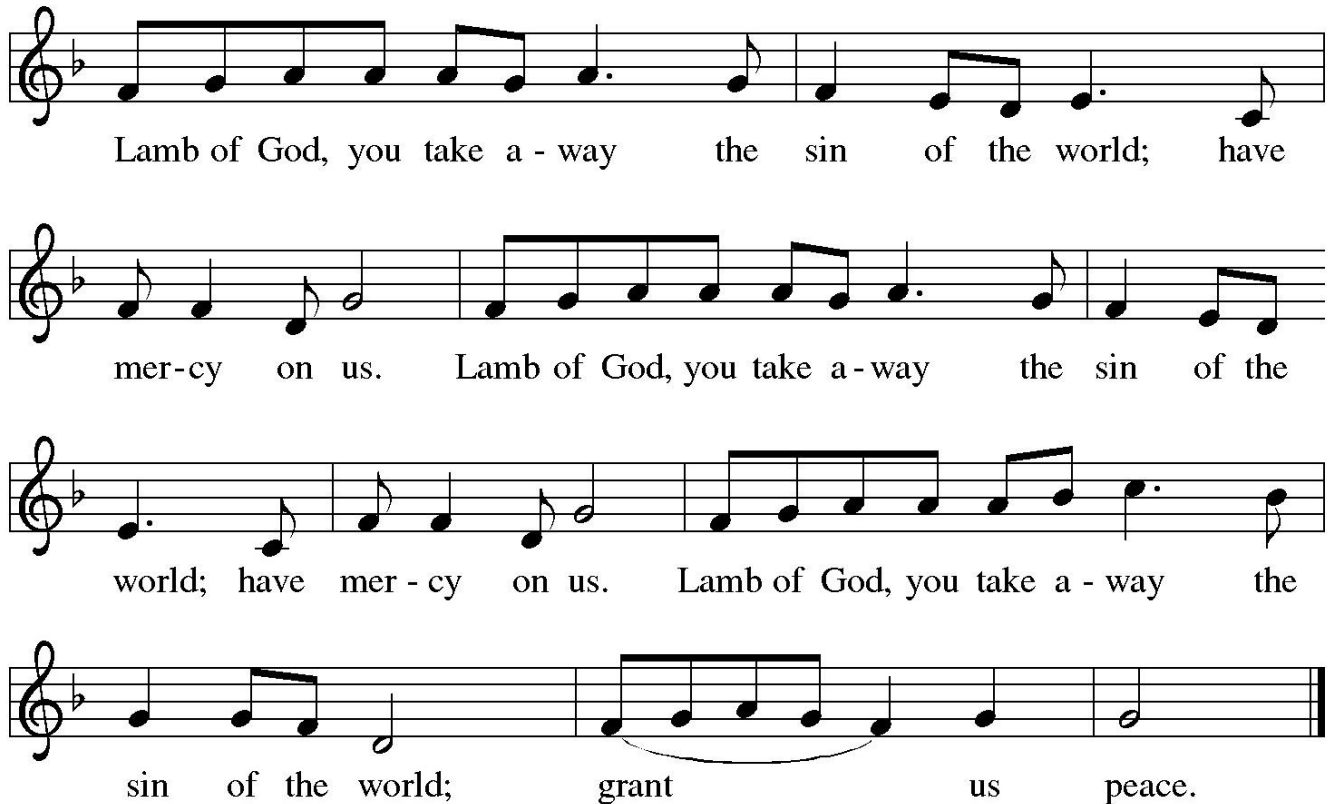
### **Invitation to Communion**

P) Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.  
Come!

## Communion

*We offer communion to all, regardless of Christian tradition, who are seeking to know and live into the grace of God in the bread and wine, Body and Blood of Christ. If you would prefer a wafer rather than the communion bread, ask for it as the bread is distributed. Likewise, those who prefer grape juice instead of wine, please indicate your wishes as the wine is distributed.*

## Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## Communion Hymn

*"In Christ Alone"*

arr. Lloyd Larson

*(Please stand as you are able)*

## Post Communion Prayer

- A) O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord.
- C) **Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

## Announcements

*(Please stand as you are able)*

## Sending

### Blessing

P) The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ☩ be upon you now and forever.

C) **Amen.**

### Sending Hymn

*“The Church of Christ, in Every Age”*

ELW 729

### Dismissal

P) Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C) **Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude

*“God Is Our Refuge and Strength”*

Robert J. Powell

## Prayer List Relationships

CLC Members - Bob Boclair, Sandra Boclair, Jim Pickels, Linda Pickels, Liz Baisden, Carol Grayson, Frannie Kirkpatrick, Brooke Meisel, Charlie Peterson, Willy Carey, George & Jeannine Springer, Vincent Baltor, Ann Marie Farnsworth.

Family Members and Friends – Kitsy Cochran (wife of member John), Jennifer Whitesides (Jim and Edith Ingraham’s daughter), James Conway (grandson of Pam & Barry Kintzer and Suzanne & Doug Conway), Rebecca Yensen (Diane Ransone’s niece), Barbara Taylor (Dawn Bahen's mother), Marietta Julienne (Mari Julienne’s mother), Jamie Glendenning (Pauline Glendenning's daughter-in-law), John McCurdy (Frank Greenday’s cousin, Avery Cooper Small (Diane Ransone’s grandson), Austin Hobson (son of Faith Hobson), John Modi (friend of Kayley Greenday), Diana Ray (Kathi Harris’ mother), Mary Murphy (Marty Riedl’s sister), Beau Sahnaw (family friend of Bob & Sandra Boclair), Mat Lewis (former member), Stephen Milton (Edith Ingraham’s brother), Rylan French (friend of Tinky Keen), the family of Sue Hromyak, upon her passing, (Suzanne & Doug Conway’s sister-in-law), Cheryl Canipe (charter member Conley Canipe’s daughter).

*The altar flowers in the Sanctuary are given by Bob & Sandra Boclair  
with thanks for the blessings of grandchildren.*

## SERVING THE CHURCH THIS WEEK

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