

WELCOME to all who enter this place. Drink deeply of the living waters of God's grace as we worship together.

Visitors: Consider yourself at home while you are here! Please pick up a Visitor's Information Packet at our Welcome Centers located at our two main entrances, or at the Visitor Center in Fellowship Hall.

*Johann Christoph Bach (1642 - 1703) was a German composer of the Baroque period, and he was Johann Sebastian Bach's great uncle and mentor. This morning, we'll hear the chorale *Wir glauben all an einen Gott*, which means, "We all believe in one true God." This piece, featured as the postlude, was written in the German chorale prelude style. Based on texts and tunes by Martin Luther, the chorale prelude was of huge importance in both the early German organ repertoire, and in liturgical settings. The text of this chorale is a song of praise to the Father, the Son, and the Spirit.

Lectionary Study With a Pastor: This class has been cancelled!

Rev. Mark Medina is holding office hours on Wednesday mornings from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., at the Coyote Grill at San Ignacio Golf Club. Feel free to drop in for coffee or iced tea.

Vacation: Beginning July 24th, Rev. Diane is on two weeks of study leave and two weeks of vacation. She will return to the office on August 21st.

Pray Like Jesus - Rediscovering the Lord's Prayer: This new class starts on Thursdays, August 3rd through September 7th at 10:00 a.m. in Classroom 5. Come join our six week discussion, led by Judy Cunyngnam, as we re-examine the content of the Lord's Prayer. Books (\$10) will be on sale at the Faith Formation Kiosk on Sundays in July.

Database Change: The office will be changing to another database effective August 31, 2017. Please make sure the office has all your up-to-date information such as address, telephone/cell numbers and e-mail addresses. If you are aware of someone who has moved or relocated, please remind them to notify the office. Thank you.

A New Discussion Group is being organized. It will center on discussions about Christian authors and the books they've written. If you are interested in this group, please contact Ruth Morris at 648-6302 or Rev. Phillips at 625-5023.

Back to School Supplies for Youth on Their Own (YOTO): TODAY, plan to stop by the Mission Table in Fellowship Hall to learn more about YOTO. A list of school supplies that YOTO is collecting for their students will be available. Bring an item for donation with you, or find out what nearby businesses will accept these donated school supplies. (Mary Horn, Mission Committee liaison to YOTO)

Thank you to our volunteers!

Coffee Fellowship
Steve Larson,
Cheryl & Dave Stepp
Information Center
Margaret Moore

Owl Express
Mike Peake

Flowers given by: Billie Youngblut
In loving memory and not forgotten, my son, Gary Silver

Plant Sale for God's Bee-autiful Garden: Today, during Coffee Hour, the leaders of this year's Vacation Bible School program **Bee-Attitudes in God's Bee-autiful Garden**, will hold a plant sale in Fellowship Hall to help off-set costs. Please come and purchase one of our beautiful plants. The prices range from \$1.00 to \$15.00. Thank you.

Noisy Offering: Celebrating 10 years of helping shelter abused women and children, Hands of a Friend is praising God for all the money needed for the building addition! Their immediate need is to raise funds to purchase three stacking washer/dryer sets, 10 bunkbeds/mattresses, light fixtures, window coverings, etc. for the new dormitory and senior suite. Save your coins (and "quiet" bills), for the noisy offering before the service on July 30th to help with these expenses. Thank you for your support!

Calling All Cooks! Please submit your favorite recipes for our 40th anniversary cookbook. See the July Valley Voice for details, or pick up instruction sheets at the Welcome Centers. All recipes must be submitted by September 15th.



Each Wednesday evening at 5 p.m., *The Source* offers a unique experience of worship in the Spiritual Life Center.
Enter the church using the door by the fountain.

Wednesday, July 26—Old-time Hymn Sing
A fun service of singing old hymns, reading Scripture, listening to a short message, and sharing in a few prayers.

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To know Christ and make him known through word and deed.

✠ All those who are able may stand.

9:30 a.m. July 23, 2017

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Faithful God, you care for us with compassion and firmness, urging us to grow in love for you. Through Christ, may we hear more deeply your call to be rooted in your way. Amen.

WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH Rev. Christopher
Please print your name in the Friendship Register provided in your pew.

PRELUDE *Arioso* Noel Rawsthorne

INTROIT *Holy Ground* Holy Ground 2272

**We are standing on holy ground,
and I know that there are angels all around;
let us praise Jesus now;
we are standing in his presence on holy ground.**

✠ **CALL TO WORSHIP** re: Worship inspired by Psalm 139 Rev. Medina

L: *Creating God, we gather in your name to worship you. We give thanks that there is a small spark of God within us.*

P: **Kindle that small spark into a flame of love and service.**

L: *Sustaining God, we gather in your name to worship you. We celebrate the loving presence of God in our life.*

P: **May God's loving presence be a strong influence in our life.**

L: *Nurturing God, we gather in your name to worship you. We rejoice that God teaches us about love and forgiveness.*

All: **As we grow in faith, trust and love for God, may our worship, witness and service bring honor to God's Holy Name. Let us worship God.**

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Faith Formation Ministry

Gracious God, in the fields of our lives, we strive to be fruitful, but we fall short. We get so comfortable that we sleep when we need to be vigilant about the errors in our own lives and the injustices around us. We are so casual about wrongdoing that it creeps into our lives and threatens to overwhelm the good we do. Forgive us. Keep us awake so that we can produce the lives you call us to live. O God, hear now our silent prayers of confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE TO ASSURANCE

Jesus, Lover of My Soul (v.4)

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Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art, Freely let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart, Rise to all eternity.

ANTHEM

Jesus is the Light!

Williams/Drennan

Sanctuary Choir

Jesus is the light of the world, shine on me, shine on me.
Jesus is the light of the world, shine on me, shine on me.
Shine the light of Your love for all the world to see,
Jesus is the light of the world, shine on me, shine on me.

Jesus is the hope of the world, bringin' peace, bringin' peace.
Jesus is the hope of the world, bringin' peace, bringin' peace.
This hope and peace that He gives is livin' now in me.
Jesus is the hope of the world, bringin' peace, bringin' peace.

Jesus is the light, Jesus is the hope. All night, all day,
Jesus shines His ever-lovin' light on me.
All night, all day, my Jesus shines His light on me.

Jesus is the joy of the world, and He lives, lives in me.
Jesus is the joy of the world and I know His love lives in me.
I bring my praise to the Lord for all eternity.
Jesus is the joy of the world, Jesus is the hope of the world,
Jesus is the light of the world, and I know He shines on me,
Shines on me!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

Please



join the Choir in singing the Great Amen.

TIME WITH CHILDREN (June-August)

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Elder Mike Yoder

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalms 139:1-12, 23-24 (*Pew Bible p. 974, 975*)

Reader: *This is the Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 (*Pew Bible p. 1518*)

Reader: *This is the Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

"Seeds and Weeds"

Rev. Medina

MOMENTS OF SILENT REFLECTION

✦HYMN *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* St. George's Windsor 551

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

**If you haven't already done so, please print your name in the Fellowship Register.*

OFFERTORY

Jesus
Katie Sayre - soloist

Chris Tomlin

✦DOXOLOGY Old One Hundredth 592

**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

✦HYMN *For the Fruit of All Creation* Ar hyd y nos 553

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God our Creator, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry breath I take, let this be my solemn vow,
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally,
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

✦POSTLUDE *Wir glauben all an einen Gott* J.C. Bach*

OUR WORSHIP NOW ENTERS THE WORLD!

The Journey Ahead Group: A presentation on the Journey Ahead Group (JAG) will be held on Monday, July 31st at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. This is the time to ask your questions about the process ahead.

Stephen Ministers are "The After People." They are ready to come alongside you, or your friends, neighbors, or relatives to provide comfort and support for as long "after" as we are needed. Contact Gee-Gee Smith 610-212-1172, or Paul Phillips 625-5023 for more information.

Worship Aids/Sermon Notes

Sermon Title: *"Seeds and Weeds"*

Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24 (NIV)

O LORD, you have searched me and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O LORD. You hem me in—behind and before; you have laid your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain. Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast. If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me," even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 (NIV)

Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?' 'An enemy did this,' he replied. The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' 'No,' he answered. 'because while you are pulling the weeds you may root up the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field." He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. The Son of man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear."