

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 while enjoying refreshments at our Visitor's Table in Fellowship Hall.

Adult Sunday School: Adult Sunday School Class meets in Classroom 5 at 8:30 a.m. before worship. Each Sunday's discussion topic will be the day's sermon scriptures. Coffee and cookies will be provided.

Children: Children up through 2nd grade are invited to "The Kids Room," Room #4, during the worship service. Children 3rd grade and up remain in the worship service. Children who remain in the service can obtain an activity bag in the sanctuary.

Join the Inquisitors as we watch and discuss "The Spiritual Brain: Science and Religious Experience," one of the Great Courses. Here, award-winning scholar and practicing neuroscientist Dr. Andrew Newberg, Director of Research at the Myrna Brind Center of Integrative Medicine at Thomas, Jefferson University Hospital, presents lectures that explore the new and exciting field of neurotheology, a discipline aimed at understanding the connections between our brains and different kinds of religious phenomena. Join us for this fascinating course which begins Friday, September 20, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. in Classroom 1. It will be an exciting experience!

Women's Ministries: Our table is now open for the fall schedule. We will continue accepting school supplies for Valley Assistance Services and Youth on Their Own (YOTO). This is the last week we are accepting reservations for the Synod Triennial on October 4 and 6 in Tucson. The 2019-2020 New Bible Study Books, Refrigerator Magnet Calendars, and Women's Ministries Calendar and Directory Booklets are available today.

Medical Minute: Watch Where you Walk! Many of us may walk in the evening as the sun is going down. Keep a flashlight with you and always watch where you walk. Snakes like the heat of sidewalks and roads.

Taizé is Back! Wednesday, September 11 at 5:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Life Center. We invite you to this beautiful worship service which includes simple songs, scripture and silence in an atmosphere of candlelight.

Next Visit to Casa Vida Nueva para Niños: Sign up for the Sep 14 trip down to Nogales, MX. and witness how our children are progressing with our support. To sign up, see Reed Olson in Fellowship Hall today after worship. To secure your seats faster, contact him directly at olsonr1@cox.net or call him at #269-7829.

Thank you to our volunteers!

Coffee Fellowship

Roxie Blair, Barbara Dittmer
Sherrie & Ron Darrah
Jordan Rodriguez

Information Center

Pat Bruner

Medical Team

Marvin Clark
Patti Bright

Welcome Centers

Carol Peeler, Roy Romstad

Please remember those currently or recently hospitalized:

Marlene Farver

Flowers given by: Karen Brooks

In memory of "our loved ones"

The Rose on the Baptismal Font Celebrates these Witnesses to the Resurrection in Jesus Christ



Allen Moore

May 26

Fred Steinbach

August 16



Hunger Walk: We are forming a VPC team for the Hunger Walk on September 14 at 8 a.m. If you can't walk, please find someone on our team and sponsor them. Brochures will be in the office. Betty Kiesle-Yoder will be your Captain.

Patio Sale Sorting for 2019 in Fellowship Hall

Thursday, September 12 at 8:00 a.m.

Thursday, October 10 at 8:00 a.m.

Thursday, November 7 at 8:00 a.m.

Thursday, December 19 at 8:00 a.m.

Movement & Exercise:

Parkinson's Support/Exercise meets Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. For more information, contact instructor Mia Cooper at 204-5264.

Chair Exercise classes are on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. There is a fee. For more information, contact instructor Mia Cooper at 204-5264.



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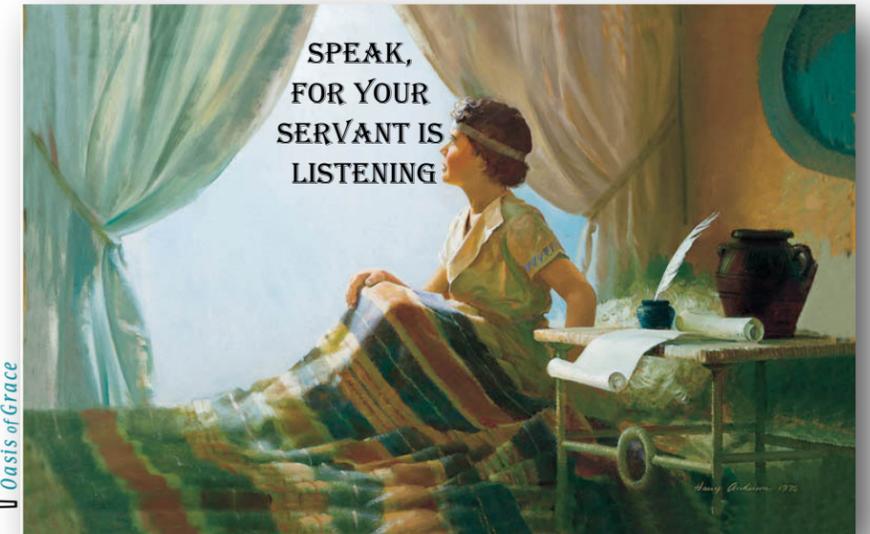
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REV. JOE HAWKINS, *Pastor Emeritus*



To make Christ known through reconciliation while communicating respect and love to all people.

♦ **All those who are able, please stand** **August 25, 2019**

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

9:20 A.M. WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH

Elder Carmen Nylund

Please print your name in the Friendship Register provided in your pew.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

POURING OF THE WATER

Jesus is the Living Water. **Praise be to God.**

PRELUDE

Prelude I

E. Bloch

INTROIT

Surely the Presence of the Lord

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings,
I see glory on each face; surely the presence,
surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

♦ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: This is the day that the Lord has made;
P: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
L: O come, let us sing to the Lord and Shout with joy to the rock of our salvation.
P: **Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving, Singing joyful songs of praise.**

◆HYMN *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* 276

INVITATION TO CONFESSION Elder Bruce Nylund

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, but we turn away, distracted by our own plans. We confess that we speak when we should listen, and act when we should wait. Forgive our aimless enthusiasms. Grant us wisdom to live in your light and to follow in the way of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. (Silent Confessions)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE OF ASSURANCE *Hear the Good News of Salvation*

Hear the good news of salvation:
Jesus died to show God's love.
Such great kindness! Such great mercy!
Come to us from heaven above.
Jesus Christ, how much I love You!
Jesus Christ, You save from sin!
How I love You! Look upon me.
Love me still and cleanse within.

ANTHEM *We Are Yours, Lord* Besig

When we pray, we will pray with thankful hearts.
When we sing, we will sing with joyful voices.
When we serve, we will serve with willing hands
for we are Yours, Lord.

When we speak, we will speak with loving care.
When we act, we will act with firm conviction.
When we give, we will give with boundless joy
for we are Yours, Lord.

You lift us up. You give us hope.
You fill our lives with the power of Your Spirit.
You give us life. You make us whole,
and we are changed forever through Your love.

Within this calm and peaceful place, near to the heart, O Lord,
we find the joy of saving grace, near to the heart,
Lord. Your gentle hand will lead us, guiding us evermore.
Your tender love will keep us near to Your heart, O Lord.

As we live, we will live in grace and truth.
As we share, we will share with love and kindness.
As we walk, we will walk in humble faith,
for we are Yours, Lord.

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.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING 1 Samuel 3:4-10
This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

NEW TESTAMENT READING James 1:19-20, 22-24
This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

SERMON *Hearing and Listening to God* Elder Carmen Nylund

◆Affirmation of Faith

We affirm the life-giving, renewing work of Jesus Christ on our behalf. In Christ the past is past. It is gone. It no longer determines who we are or who we can become. Christ took care of all that so that we may look to him for our identity and hope. We are reconciled to God through Christ. We are made new creatures. We receive the promise of God's daily presence and Mercy. We are God's children! We affirm our choice to live as those whose inheritance is sure, whose joy is secure, and whose present and future are held in the loving hand of our gracious Lord and Savior. Amen

◆HYMN *Open My Eyes, That I May See* 324

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

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

OFFERTORY *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* arr: D. Wagner

◆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 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* 281

◆BENEDICTION

◆CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Because He Lives*
Because He lives, I can face tomorrow, Because He lives, all fear is gone,
Because I know He holds the future, And life is worth the living,
just because He lives!

◆POSTLUDE *Recessional* E. Bloch

OUR WORSHIP NOW ENTERS THE WORLD!

Worship Aids/Sermon Notes

Sermon Title: *Hearing and Listening to God*

Scriptures:

Old Testament Reading: **I Samuel 3:4-10**

from The Message

Then God called out, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Yes? I'm here." Then he ran to Eli saying, "I heard you call. Here I am." Eli said, "I didn't call you. Go back to bed." And so he did. God called again, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, "I heard you call. Here I am." Again Eli said, "Son, I didn't call you. Go back to bed." (This all happened before Samuel knew God for himself. It was before the revelation of God had been given to him personally.) God called again, "Samuel! -- the third time! Yet again Samuel got up and went to Eli. "Yes? I heard you call me. Here I am." That's when it dawned on Eli that God was calling the boy. So Eli directed Samuel, "Go back and lie down. If the voice calls again, say, 'Speak, God. I'm your servant, ready to listen.'" Samuel returned to his bed. Then God came and stood before him exactly as before, calling out, "Samuel! Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak. I'm your servant, ready to listen."

New Testament Reading: **James 1:19-20 and 22-24**

from The Message

Post this at all the intersections, dear friends: Lead with your ears, follow up with your tongue; and let anger straggle along in the rear. God's righteousness doesn't grow from human anger. Don't fool yourself into thinking that you are a listener when you are anything but, letting the Word go in one ear and out the other. Act on what you hear! Those who hear and don't act are like those who glance in the mirror, walk away, and two minutes later have no idea who they are, what they look like.

VPC FINANCIAL/ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Week #33 (through 8/18/19)			
Church Weekly Operations Finances		Church Weekly Attendance	
Weekly Giving Income	\$7,694	2019 Attendance	246
Weekly Giving Budget	\$7,525	2018 Attendance	188
*YTD Giving Income	\$472,496	*YTD 2019 Attendance	10,906
*YTD Giving Budget	\$451,221	*YTD 2018 Attendance	11,273
<small>*YTD: Year-to-Date</small>		<small>2019 Per Capita is \$40.22 per member</small>	