

**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.

**Reception for Gay Larson** will be held next Sunday, June 2, after the worship service in Fellowship Hall. Please join us in thanking her for all her hard work and dedication. A table will be available for cards and monetary gifts.

**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.

**Montlure Traveling Day Camp** for kids in grades 1-6 is June 24 through June 28. You can help by sponsoring a child to attend camp. It costs \$75 to send a child to camp, but we are taking any amount of donations. Stop by the Montlure Traveling Day Camp table today in the Fellowship Hall.

**What the Heck Do I Believe???** Monday, June 3, 10 and 17 at 1:00 p.m. in the Recreation Building at La Posada. It will be repeated at the church in July. When I (Diane) went through the ordination process, one of the things I had to do was write a one-page Statement of Faith. It was hard! I knew in my heart what I believed, but to articulate it is a different matter. Linda Freeman and Pastor Diane will lead classes on how you can find words to describe what you believe. We guarantee this class will be fun and practical.

**Todd Wachsmann:** We must bid goodbye and good wishes to our Todd Wachsmann who is leaving us after directing the choir these past 3 weeks. He will continue to work on his doctorate in choral conducting at the University of Arizona and may be able to visit with us from time to time in the future. Best wishes, Todd!

**Interim Director of Music:** We are excited to welcome Jamie Reed as our new Interim Director of Music beginning June 2. She has been a church musician since age 12 when she accompanied her mother's choirs. Most recently she served as Director of Music at Orchard United Church in Farmington Hills, Minnesota. We look forward to getting to know her better in the coming weeks. Welcome Jamie!

**The Valley Galley** will be open Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. selling coffee, tea and iced drinks along with a breakfast goodie. Come by and join us for a treat and conversation.

**Thank you to our volunteers!**

**Coffee Fellowship**  
Kay Brouwer, Barbara Dittmer  
**Information Center**  
Pat Bruner  
**Medical Team**  
Doug Clark

**Visitor's Table**  
Patti Bright  
**Welcome Centers**  
Carol Peeler, Roy Romstad

**Flowers given by:** Joe & Lesley Bruce  
**In honor of their 49th Anniversary**

**The Rose on the Baptismal Font Celebrates this Witness to the Resurrection in Jesus Christ**



Gil LeClair

May 21



**Office Closed Monday, May 27:**

In observance of the Memorial Day Holiday.



**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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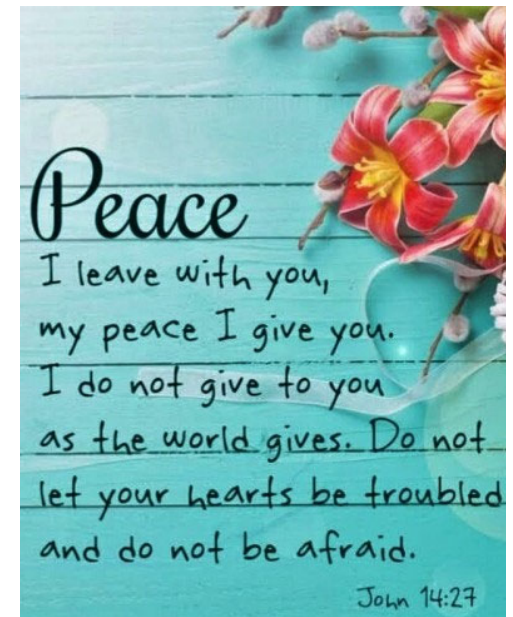
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REV. DIANE CHRISTOPHER, *Pastor of Discipleship*

CHRISTINE ERICKSON, RN, *Parish Nurse*  
WES MOULTON, *Interim Organist/Accompanist*  
JAMIE REED, *Interim Director of Music*  
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 **May 26, 2019**

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION** (John 14:27; Ephesians 4:4-6)  
Blessed Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your apostles, "Peace I Leave with you, My peace I give unto you;" do not consider our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give her that peace and unity which is according to your will, who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and ever. Amen.

**9:20 A.M. WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH** Rev. Medina  
*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** "O Beautiful For Spacious Skies" arr. E.L. Diemer

**INTROIT** *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*  
There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea;  
There's a kindness in God's justice, Which is more than liberty.  
There is no place where earth's sorrows Are more felt than up in heaven;  
There is no place where earth's failings Have such kindly judgement given.

♦ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

*We gather in the name of the risen, living Christ to worship the ever-creative God of wonder and mercy.*

**Surely, God is in this place, calling us to worship and live in spirit and in truth.**

*The truth Jesus proclaimed is this: God's love is for you and for all people everywhere.*

**God invites us to live life fully by living out God's love for each and for all.**

The living Christ is with us.

**Let us worship God!**

◆HYMN *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art* Toulon 151

INVITATION TO CONFESSION Gee-Gee Smith

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Faithful God, you are devoted to us.
Forgive us when we are not devoted to you.
We would rather be secure than be brave.
We would rather be in control than be faithful.
We know that you call out for us to follow,
but we look for you in all the wrong places.
Forgive us, God of mercy.
Heal us from our self-centeredness.
Empower us to know the depth of your grace,
and lead us to share that grace with the world.
Hear us now, O God,
as we bring our silent prayers of confession to you.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Do you know the Good News? There is nothing in this world—absolutely nothing—that can separate you from the love and grace of God in Jesus Christ.
Praise God! We are forgiven and freed for new life.
Love will be our endeavor!

RESPONSE TO ASSURANCE There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

For the love of God is broader Than the measures of the mind;
And the heart of the Eternal Is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful, We would gladly trust God's word;
And our lives reflect thanksgiving For the goodness of our Lord.

ANTHEM Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place Jack Schrader

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 of the Lord is in this place.

Christ beside me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me, king of my heart;
Christ within me, Christ below me
Christ above me never to part.

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.



MEMORIAL DAY ACKNOWLEDGMENT

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION George Gibson

GOSPEL LESSON John 14:23-29
This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

SERMON "The Promise of the Lord's Presence" Rev. Medina

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

◆HYMN Abide with Me (vs. 1, 3 & 4) Eventide 543

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

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

OFFERTORY Solo: "On Eagles Wings" Linda Freeman

◆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 O Beautiful for Spacious Skies Materna 564

◆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 "Fantasy On Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory" A. Jordon

OUR WORSHIP NOW ENTERS THE WORLD!

Worship Aids/Sermon Notes

Sermon Title: "The Promise of the Lord's Presence"

Scripture: John 14:23-29

23 Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. 24 Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me. 25 "All this I have spoken while still with you. 26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. 27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. 28 "You heard me say, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. 29 I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe.

VPC FINANCIAL/ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Table with 2 main columns: Church Weekly Operations Finances and Church Weekly Attendance. Rows include Weekly Giving Income, Weekly Giving Budget, \*YTD Giving Income, \*YTD Giving Budget, 2019 Attendance, 2018 Attendance, \*YTD 2019 Attendance, and \*YTD 2018 Attendance. Includes a note: \*YTD: Year-to-Date and 2019 Per Capita is \$40.22 per member.