

**Service For The Lord's Day**  
**18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sat., August 1, 2020

9:30 a.m.

**Worship Leader: Rev. Eddie Thomas**  
**Lay Reader: Dale Kinzenbaw**  
**Myra Taylor - Worship Musician**

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**WE APPROACH GOD IN WORSHIP**

Ringling of the Bell

Prelude: "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Lighting of the Candles

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

L: Come and prepare yourselves for this coming week. Watch

P: **Our times are in God's hands. Surely God will deliver us from this terror.**

L: Awake from your sleep; God is asking for your best. Remain alert; much will be required of you.

P: **We want to be faithful in our work and witness. We seek to honor Christ in worship and service.**

L: God offers you the tongue of a teacher. God sustains you with the strength of Christ.

P: **We will listen for God's word. We will speak on behalf of justice and truth.**

\*Opening Prayer (unison)

**We come before you with good intentions, gracious God, but our lives are full of sorrow and distress. In our suffering, we cry out to you. From the misery of rejection and failure and brokenness, we turn to you. In humility, we empty ourselves of the problems that so often overwhelm, that we might see the Christ. Draw us near the cross to experience the confident witness of our Savior, find the strength to live as forgiving people, and catch a vision that looks beyond our own situation to the greater needs of our sisters and brothers. Amen.**

Confession and Assurance

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**O God, we are not worthy to bend our knees before you. Too often, our actions have shouted "Crucify!" Our fears have led to denial. Our self-interest has prompted false witness. We have compromised our integrity to avoid criticism. We have bowed down to false gods whose fleeting promises seem momentarily attractive. We are so confused! We want to do what is right, but we do not want to suffer. We would like to get rid of the burden of our mistakes, but we find it difficult to change. O God, deliver us from ourselves. Amen.**

Silent Prayers of Confession

Words of Assurance

L: Here are words that you may trust, words that merit full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. To all who confess their sins and resolve to lead a new life, he says, "Your sins are forgiven."

P: **Thanks be to God.**

\*Gloria Patri

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**WE LISTEN AND SHARE GOD'S WORD**

Scripture Reading: Mark 14:32-42 NRSV

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: "Who is God?"

Rev. Eddie Thomas

At the beginning of the hardest trial Jesus ever had to endure, He revealed the identity of God to us - "Abba, Father."

**WE RESPOND WITH THE GIFT OF OUR LIVES**

\*Hymn of Response: "Seek Ye First"

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Joys and Concerns - Prayers of Intercession

Lord's Prayer (unison)

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The Offering of our Tithes and Offerings to the Lord

*You may place your offerings in the offering plates at the back of the sanctuary as you leave worship.*

Prayer of Dedication

\*Benediction

Rev. Eddie Thomas

Please be seated after the Benediction. The usher will dismiss you by pews, beginning at the back of the sanctuary.

Postlude: "To God Be the Glory"

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**Church Nursery:** The church nursery is available for parents who have a need to take their child there during today's service. It is closed to all others during this time.

**Cell Phones:** Please turn cell phones to silent during the worship service. Thank you.

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PASTOR ON VACATION:** Pastor Anni will remain out of the office through August 9. In case of emergency you may contact Crystal\* and she will be able to help you.

Pastor Anni will be unavailable by phone or email during this time.

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**AUGUST 8 WORSHIP:** Rev. Dave Snyder will be in the pulpit next Saturday as Pastor Anni continues her vacation. At worship we all wear masks and practice social distancing, so if you feel comfortable joining us in the sanctuary on Saturday mornings we look forward to having you worship with us. If you prefer to join in worship from home it will be taped on Saturday and then posted for viewing on Sunday mornings at 9:30.

**AUGUST WORSHIP SCHEDULE:** This is the schedule for worship at this time. If changes need to be made, you will be notified by email or phone.

Saturday, August 1

9:30 a.m. Worship in SANCTUARY with Rev. Eddie Thomas in the pulpit

Sunday, August 2

9:30 a.m. ONLINE Worship

Saturday, August 8

9:30 a.m. Worship in SANCTUARY with Rev. Dave Snyder in the pulpit

Sunday, August 9

9:30 a.m. ONLINE Worship

Saturday, August 15

9:30 a.m. Worship in SANCTUARY

Sunday, August 16

9:30 a.m. ONLINE Worship

Saturday, August 22

9:30 a.m. Worship in SANCTUARY with Pastor Anni

Sunday, August 23

9:30 a.m. ONLINE Worship

Saturday, August 29

9:30 a.m. Worship in SANCTUARY with Pastor Anni

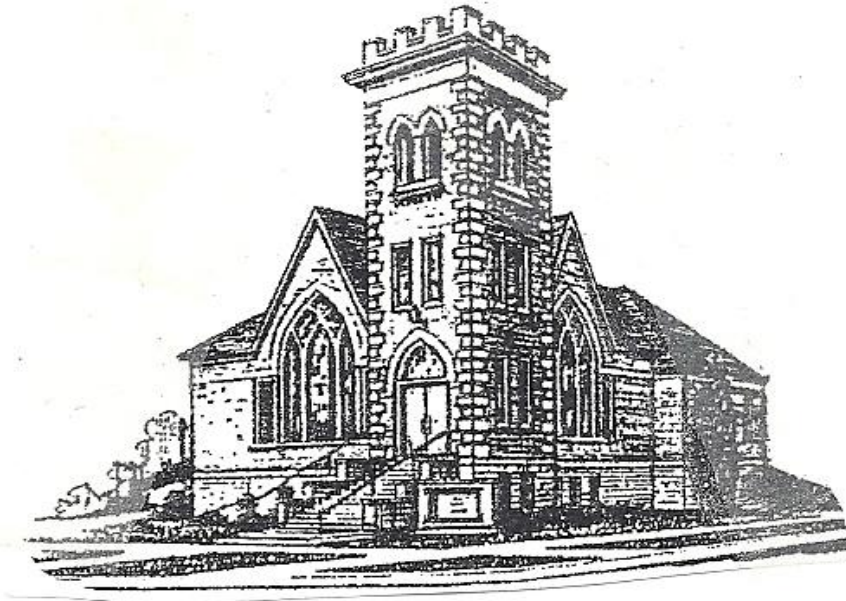
Sunday, August 30

9:30 a.m. ONLINE Worship

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Judy Thorn

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Karen Moline and Myra Taylor (worship musicians)  
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