

SUNDAY WORSHIP
10:30am • Sunday August 25, 2024

Mission Statement: As a community of faith, we welcome all who seek understanding. • As a community of hope, we offer friendship and comfort to those in need. • As a community of love, we provide caring support and shared fellowship to all.

WE ARE A COMMUNITY CHURCH. OUR FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS AND MEMBERS COME FROM MANY PLACES AND MULTIPLE FAITH TRADITIONS. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO FIND A SPIRITUAL SANCTUARY HERE.

— ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASSING the PEACE —

— WELCOME —

CENTERING MUSIC

Sharon Novak

CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from Psalm 10:7-10

One: The Word of God revives the soul;

People: *Makes wise the simple;*

One: Rejoices the heart;

People: *Enlightens the eyes;*

One: Endures forever;

All: *More to be desired is God's Word than gold,
sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.*

SONG (INSERT) *The Garden Song*

Sharon Novak

— PRAYING —

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and glory forever. *Amen.*

SONG #258

Morning Has Broken

Sharon Novak

— REFLECTING —

SCRIPTURE: *Song of Songs 5 & 6 (excerpts)*

I come to my garden, my sister, my bride;

I gather my myrrh with my spice;

I eat my honeycomb with my honey;

I drink my wine with my milk.

Eat, friends, drink, and be drunk with love.

Come, my beloved, let us go forth into the fields
and lodge in the villages; let us go out early to the vineyards;
let us see whether the vines have budded,
whether the grape blossoms have opened
and the pomegranates are in bloom.

There I will give you my love.

REFLECTION

BELOVED

Rev Gail Doktor

SONG #60

This Is My Father's World

Sharon Novak

— OFFERING —

*SONG #44

Doxology

Sharon Novak

PRAYER of DEDICATION

— CLOSING —

*BENEDICTION

May the love of God live in us today, May the love of God live in us today.

*May the warmth we feel within us
show in all we do and say.*

May the love of God live in us today.

May the peace of God be with us today,

May the peace of God be with us today.

*May it guide us and protect us
as we go our separate ways.*

May the peace of God be with us,

May the love of God live in us,

May the love of God shine through us today.

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE: *For* PEOPLE

New names this week: Charlie

Continuing prayers: Annie, Allan, Anjali, Annie, Arden, Alexis, Barbara, Bob, Cal, Carl, Cindi, Cheryl, Corey, Deb, Darlene, Dean, Don, Ed, Emmie, George, Heath, Karen, Jan, Jean, Joe, Joan, John, John H., Joyce, Jonathan, Judy, Kathy, Ken (KC), Ian, Irene, Laurie, Marcia, Matteo, Mary, Maureen, Meg, Michelle, Parker, Petros, Phaedra, Robert G., Sarah, Scamp, Spencer Elizabeth, Tom, Rob, Robert, Val, Wayne, Lori's niece & nephew, Dawson's sister, the Stam family.

For those in need of the essentials of life: dignity, work, education, food, water, shelter, freedom of thought and expression and belief and self-direction, sense of belonging and purpose, a place to call home. For people with new diagnosis, undergoing treatment, seeking healing and recovery in body, mind or spirit. For those with cognitive, mental, and emotional challenges and changes. For those holding vigil until the end of life, and for those who are grieving.

For those serving in the military and for their families. For those in caring roles and professions. For emergency responders: firefighters, police, EMTs and ambulance, medical health, social health, and mental health, disaster relief, crisis intervention, and others. For those in leadership positions making choices that affect other people.

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE: *For* PLACES

For climate-related occurrences around the world. For places affected by natural disasters: earthquakes, floods, fires, droughts, famine, eruptions, storms and other phenomena. For places struggling with conflict, systemic oppression, or violence such as Israel, Gaza, Palestine, and the Ukraine. For places with which we have partnership, including Chikanga Church in Mutare, Zimbabwe and communities in Honduras.

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