

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD’S LOVE

GREETING (ACTS 18:1-3)
“After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. There he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, and, because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them, and they worked together - by trade they were tentmakers.”

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER Becky Bush

✠**CALL TO WORSHIP** (ISAIAH 40:28-31)
Leader: Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.
People: *He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.*
Leader: Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted;
People: *but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.*

✠**SONG OF PRAISE** HYMN # 31 – *I SING THE ALMIGHTY POWER OF GOD*

CALL TO CONFESSION (1 CORINTHIANS 16:10)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Holy and Wise God, we come before you today to surrender the high expectations and heavy burdens we have placed on the people around us. We confess that there are times when we expect others to be perfect, to anticipate our needs, or to carry weight they were never meant to hold. Forgive us for putting too much pressure on our family, our friends, and our colleagues. Remove the spirit of impatience and control from our hearts. We ask for the grace to extend deep empathy, to speak with kindness, and to be a source of peace rather than a source of stress. Help us to love people for who they are, right where they are, instead of pressuring them into who we want them to be. Hear now our silent prayers of confession...

PROCLAMATION OF GRACE (PSALM 145:8 AND 2 CORINTHIANS 12:9)

✠**GRATEFUL RESPONSE** YET NOT I BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME, w/m by Robinson, Thompson, and Farren

✠**PASSING OF THE PEACE** “May the peace of Christ be with you....And, also with you”
At this time, the congregation is invited to greet each other with peace.

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S LOVE

SCRIPTURE READING MARK 15:15-21 Barb Lintner
Leader: Blessed are those who hear and keep what is written, in the light of Jesus, the Word made flesh.
People: *Thanks be to God.*

✠**SONG OF FAITH** HYMN # 287 – *LIFT HIGH THE CROSS*

SCRIPTURE READING ROMANS 16

✠**GRATEFUL RESPONSE** HYMN # 48 – *IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE*

SERIES: PAUL’S LETTER TO THE ROMANS

SERMON “CO-WORKERS IN CHRIST” Rev. Dr. Brad Busiek

WE EMBRACE GOD’S LOVE

OFFERING
In response to God’s love, we are invited to reflect on how we might give thanks to God through the sharing of our time, talents, and treasures. (During this time, offering plates will be passed down the pews. There is no obligation to give. If you wish to let us know you’re here, receive a call, or volunteer, please fill out a yellow connect card and put it in the offering plate.)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 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

WE ARE SENT OUT TO SHARE GOD’S LOVE IN THE WORLD

✠**CHARGE AND BLESSING** (ACTS 17:5-7)

✠**SONG OF DEDICATION** KING OF KINGS, w/m by Ligertwood, Ligertwood and Ingram

✠*Those who are able, are invited to stand.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome! We are glad you are here worshipping with us this morning and invite everyone to join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship for coffee, cookies, and conversations.

A Deacon Offering will be received today. The ministry of Deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness, and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures, or anyone in distress. The Board of Deacons nurture the congregation to take part in ministries of caring and compassion for all people, including reaching out to those in need within our local community.

Thank you for your support of our Annual 5K Food Pantry Fundraiser.
We had 140 participants and raised more than \$6,300.00. It was a joy to see so many neighbors walking side by side.

Family Picnic, Pray, and Play - Children and Family Ministry Gatherings
We invite families and anyone interested in being a part of this growing ministry to gather near the fireplace at the tables in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays after worship to eat together, connect with one another, plan future events, pray, and/or play together.

Next Sunday, September 27, we will take a rest from long sermons after our series on Romans. Instead, of a sermon, we will come together in scripture and song with a good old fashioned Hymn Sing. If you have a song request, please talk to Pastor Brad or Michael.

REGULAR HAPPENINGS AT SMPC <i>(schedule changes in italics)</i>				
Day (next date)	Time	Event	Meeting Place	Contact
Sundays	11:45 - 12:15pm	Voice Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary	Michael Day
2nd Sunday (10/11)	11:30 - 1:00pm	Deacon's Meeting	Upper Room	Marty Strange
Tuesdays	10:30 -11:30am	Gentle Exercise	Fellowship Hall	Joyce Botsch
Wednesdays	10:00 -11:30am	Bible Study	Fellowship Hall	Lyn Palmer
Wednesdays	10:00 - 3:00pm	Sewing Group	Upper Room	Gayle Burke
Wednesdays	6:00 - 8:00pm	Youth Group	Church Campus	Pastor Brad
2nd Wednesday (10/14)	5:00pm	Healing Hearts	Location varies	Berni or Becky
3rd Wednesday (10/21)	5:30 - 6:30pm	Community Dinner	Fellowship Hall	Pastor Brad
Thursdays	10:30 -11:30am	Gentle Exercise	Fellowship Hall	Joyce Botsch
Thursdays	2:00-3:30pm	Line Dancing	Fellowship Hall	Janet Emch
2 nd /4 th Thursday (9/24)	12:00 - 2:00pm	Yarn & Thread	Fireside Room	Joyce Botsch
Thursdays	6:00 - 7:30pm	Jubilant Bells	Sanctuary	Michael Day
Fridays	9:30 - 11:30am	Food Pantry Prep	Church campus	Julie Weindel
Saturdays	10:00 - 12:30pm	Food Pantry	Church campus	Julie Weindel
3rd Saturday (10/17)	Time varies	Outriggers	Location varies	Barb Lintner
Last Sunday (9/27)	9:00 - 10:00am	Poverty Book Group	Upper Room	Amy Busiek
5th Sunday (11/29)	After worship	All Church Potluck	Fellowship Hall	Janet Emch
NEXT WEEK'S (SEPTEMBER 27) SUNDAY SERVANTS				
Greeters	Ron Emch and Janet Emch		Opening Prayer	Alicia Campbell
Ushers	Jon Bachelder and Sandy Bachelder		Scripture Reader	Berni Mueller
Special Helper	Steve Marker		Recorders	Leesa Pomazi and Jon Bachelder
Refreshments	Exercise Group			
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Paul's Letter to the ROMANS



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