

10:00am  
Traditional Worship  
Sanctuary



HENNEPIN  
AVENUE UMC

September 9, 2018

Rally Sunday

Where + is indicated, standing as able, we praise God.  
You are invited to read aloud the bold text.

RALLY SUNDAY

## We Gather to Worship God

CENTERING

*Make time to sit in comfort  
To breathe deeply  
To relax in the presence of God  
Like a cat asleep on a chair  
Or a rabbit sunnily on a path:  
The loving one, who made you,  
who yearned over you in the womb,  
who cherished you as a baby,  
who tended you as a child,  
who gave you glimpses of glory  
from your pram;  
The One who molded you,  
The One who's loving arm is always  
under your head, says:  
'Have no fear for I have redeemed you.  
I call you by name and you are mine.'  
I...am loved by God  
Keep silence in that thought.*

-Kate McIlhagga

PRELUDE

*Air, from Orchestral Suite No. 3, BWV 1068*  
Andrew Hackett, organist

J. S. Bach

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

Bethany Charlsen

We come again to this beautiful place of worship.

**Let us rest deeply in the comfort of God's presence.**

Steeped in the certainty of God's love,

**we ask for wisdom as to what God would say to us today.**

Will God call us to take better care of our time? Are we to be nudged toward a new job? Does God speak to us of tidying up a messy relationship? Does God ask us to follow where we would really rather not go?

**Whatever form God's call takes, let us come to worship with courage so that we might respond by saying "Yes!" Let us worship together in praise and thanksgiving!**

CORE for LYFE:  
*Five Practices  
Radical Hospitality  
Receiving God's Love*

**C**entered  
**O**pen  
**R**eceptive  
**E**ngaged

sermon series based on the book  
*Five Practices of Fruitful Living*  
 by Robert Schnase

- Sept 9 **Rally Sunday**  
 CORE for LYFE:  
*Five Practices Radical Hospitality*  
*Receiving God's Love*  
 Rev. Judy Zabel
- Sept 16 *CORE for LYFE:*  
*Five Practices Passionate Worship*  
*Loving God in Return*  
 Rev. Judy Zabel
- Sept 23 **Confirmation Sunday**  
 CORE for LYFE:  
*Five Practices Intentional Faith Development*  
*Growing in Grace*  
 Rev. Nate Melcher
- Sept 30 *CORE for LYFE:*  
*Five Practices Risk-Taking Service & Mission*  
*Loving and Serving Others*  
 Rev. Judy Zabel
- Oct 7 **World Communion Sunday**  
 CORE for LYFE:  
*Five Practices Extravagant Generosity*  
*The Grace of Giving*  
 Rev. Judy Zabel
- Blessing of the Animals**  
 6 PM Sanctuary  
 Rev. Nate Melcher
- Oct 14 **UMW & Bible Sunday**  
**CORE Plan Consecration**  
*5 Practices of Fruitful Living:*  
*Fruitful Living, Offering God's Love*  
 Rev. Judy Zabel

**L**iving **Y**our **F**aith **E**verywhere

+ CHORAL EXCLAMATION *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* WARRENTON  
 Sanctuary Choir  
 Mark Squire, Director of Music & Fine Arts

+ HYMN NO. 384 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* BEECHER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Rev. Nate Melcher

**O God, you search after us when we have gone far from you, yet we confess that we have become consumed with our own affairs. We seldom pause to listen for the wind in the trees or hear the happy voices of children. Sometimes we feel that the burdens of the world fall entirely on our shoulders, and we have been slow to put our trust in you or to cooperate with others. When we take ourselves too seriously, remind us that we are only human! Make us patient with our mistakes, even as we are willing to forgive others. And remind us that we are also precious, not because we are good but because you have accepted us and called us to be your very own.**

—Ruth C. Duck & Maren C. Tirabassi, eds. *Touch Holiness: Resources for Worship* (Cleveland: United Church Press, 1990), 113.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!  
**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

ANTHEM *Pilgrims' Hymn* Stephen Paulus  
 Sanctuary Choir  
 Mark Squire, Director of Music & Fine Arts

*Even before we call on your name  
 To ask you, O God,  
 When we seek for the words to glorify you,  
 You hear our prayer;  
 Unceasing love, O unceasing love,  
 Surpassing all we know.*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
 And to the Holy Spirit.*

*Even with darkness sealing us in,  
 We breathe your name,  
 And through all the days that follow so fast,  
 We trust in you;  
 Endless your grace, O endless your grace,  
 Beyond all mortal dream.*

*Both now and for ever,  
 And unto ages and ages, Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Judy Zabel

HYMN

*God of All Learning*  
stanzas 1, 2

BUNESSAN

During the singing of this hymn, children are invited  
forward for the Time with Children.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Rev. Nate Melcher  
Lynne Carroll

+ SHARING THE PEACE

May the peace of God be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Please greet each other by name and with a sign of reconciliation and peace.

## We Hear the Word

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 2:1-10 (*The Message*)

The Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Receiving God's Love:  
The Practice of Radical Hospitality*

Rev. Judy Zabel

## We Respond to the Word

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Frenchye Magee

SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

### In Our Prayers This Week

#### Hospice

Joy Huss  
Betty Sallman

#### Recovering at Home

Pat Evingson

#### Prayer Request

Bob & Betty Beach  
Nancy Johnson  
Gloria Lamphear (death of father)  
Paul Norton, Chaska, Ashley  
Jaimie & Tommy

#### Our Koinonia Retreat Center Guests

University of St Thomas Aquinas  
Scholars  
St Paul's Evangelical Lutheran  
Church Retreat  
Healing Touch Program Training  
Conference



### Clergy

Frenchye Magee, Associate Pastor of  
Congregational Care &  
Invitational Discipleship  
Nate Melcher, Associate Pastor of  
Faith Development  
Judy Zabel, Senior Pastor  
Jim McChesney, Pastoral Care/Visitation

Mark Squire, Music & Fine Arts

### Twin Cities District Superintendent

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Bruce R. Ough

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## GIVING OUR TITHES, GIFTS & OFFERINGS

Rev. Frenchye Magee

MUSICAL OFFERING

*With a Voice of Singing*  
Sanctuary Choir

Martin Shaw

+ PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS & DOXOLOGY (NO. 94)

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

+ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

# We Take the Word Into the World

The Acolytes lead us in carrying the light of Christ into the world.

+ HYMN NO. 378

*Amazing Grace*  
stanzas 1-4, 6

AMAZING GRACE

+ BENEDICTION

+ POSTLUDE

*Improvisation on Amazing Grace*  
Andrew Hackett, organist

Sunday flowers given in loving memory of John B Lilja by his wife, Dot.