

Valley of Peace Lutheran Church

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 21, 2025



When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought,
*"Surely the Lord is in this place.
and I was not aware of it."*

-Genesis 26:16



WELCOME to Valley of Peace.
We are glad you are here.

We give thanks to God for all people and want all people to feel comfortable participating in worship. If you need any assistance please let our Ushers know. We are happy to offer hearing assistance devices, move chairs to make worship feel more accessible for you, and offer any other support that would be meaningful for you in this space.

All ages are welcome to worship at Valley of Peace and we give thanks for the voices of our littlest ones. If you feel that your little one is wiggly, you are welcome to go with them to stretch their legs in the narthex where there is a small area with books and toys and you can hear the worship service. There are also bags available for you to put toys and books in and bring them into the sanctuary space.

And again, welcome to worship this day. This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Interested in becoming a Member? Let Pastor Ashley know by **September 29, 2025**

Our next New Member Class is: Sunday, October 5, 2025 after worship.

SENSORY ACTIVITIES AND SPACES AT VOP

Sensory integration is the process by which individuals receive information through our senses, (Vision, Hearing, Smell, Taste, Touch, Vestibular/Movement, and Proprioception/Body Position), organize this information, and use it to participate in activities.

Each person reacts to sensory information differently. People of all ages can have sensory issues that make it more difficult to participate depending on the environment. Sensory issues are very complex because a person's sensory system could be a mixture of over reactive, under reactive, or actively engaged.

After assessing need, Emilie Moravec has been working with a few community members to make our space more welcoming for those with sensory needs. The following items are now available at the Welcome Center for individuals with sensory needs:

- Ear defender headphones
- Earplugs
- Sunglasses
- Weighted lap pads
- Battery powered fans
- Fidget blanket

Please speak with an usher or volunteer at the Welcome Center to find these items. Additional fidget supplies are available near the "busy bag" tree in the narthex outside of the sanctuary. These sensory tools are intended to promote regulation, improve focus, increase participation, and make our space more accessible and welcoming to children, teens, and adults with sensory processing needs.

If you are in need of change of environment while at Valley of Peace, the following areas are available:

- **Narthex** - provides space for movement right outside of the sanctuary. The worship service can still be seen and heard.
- **Fireside Room** - Near the top of the staircase, on the same level as the sanctuary. This space provides comfortable seating where the worship service can still be heard.
- **Youth Room** - The Youth room is located on the lowest level of the church and will contain a "quiet corner" with soft lighting and no worship sounds.

Sources: Mailloux Z & Smith Roley S. Sensory Integration Development and Early Signs of Difficulties. July 2013

Valley of Peace Lutheran Church
September 21, 2025
10:15 a.m.

Welcome to Worship.

Just a few things to note as you prepare to worship.

*You are invited to participate in worship by reading the **BOLD** print.*

When you see +, please stand in body or in spirit.

*ELW is the red hymnal and ACS is the purple hymnal,
both located in the bottom of the pew in front of you.*

If you need any assistance please ask an Usher. They are happy to help.

GATHERING MUSIC

Faith of our Fathers

Arranged by Dennis Alexander

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

+CALL TO WORSHIP

God is in this place. **We are in God's holy presence.**

This is the house of God. **The gate of heaven is here!**

+OPENING HYMN

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.



Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.



When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,



warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.



Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

+CALL TO WORSHIP

We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

Holy God, you have created us in your image, protected and nourished us, and called us into your work of justice. Yet while we profess these truths, we forget who we are and whose we are. We put our trust in ourselves, in material goods, and in worldly powers instead of trusting you. We prioritize our comfort over our neighbor's needs.

Call us back to you, God. Forgive us our failings, and direct us back onto the path you would have us tread.

Hear the good news, siblings in Christ! You have been created in wholeness, claimed in love, and forgiven according to God's boundless grace. Nothing—even the worst we do or fail to do—can separate us from the love of our God. Receive this forgiveness with joy, in the name of Jesus+, our savior and friend. Amen.

+GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

+PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. God of heaven and earth, in love and mercy you pour out your blessing upon us, that we might be a blessing to all the earth. Show us the way to you each day so that, following in it, we might reflect your beauty, power, and justice in all that we say and do. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

FAITH MOMENT

SCRIPTURE READING.....Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23; 28:10-17

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

+HYMN OF THE DAY Red ELW 638 *Blessed Assurance*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Response— God, of promise, **hear our prayer.**

+SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING & SPECIAL MUSIC

Abba Father by C. Landry

+OFFERTORY RESPONSE


RED ELW 465 *As the Grains of Wheat*




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Blessed Assurance




1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,




Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
 an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
 watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:

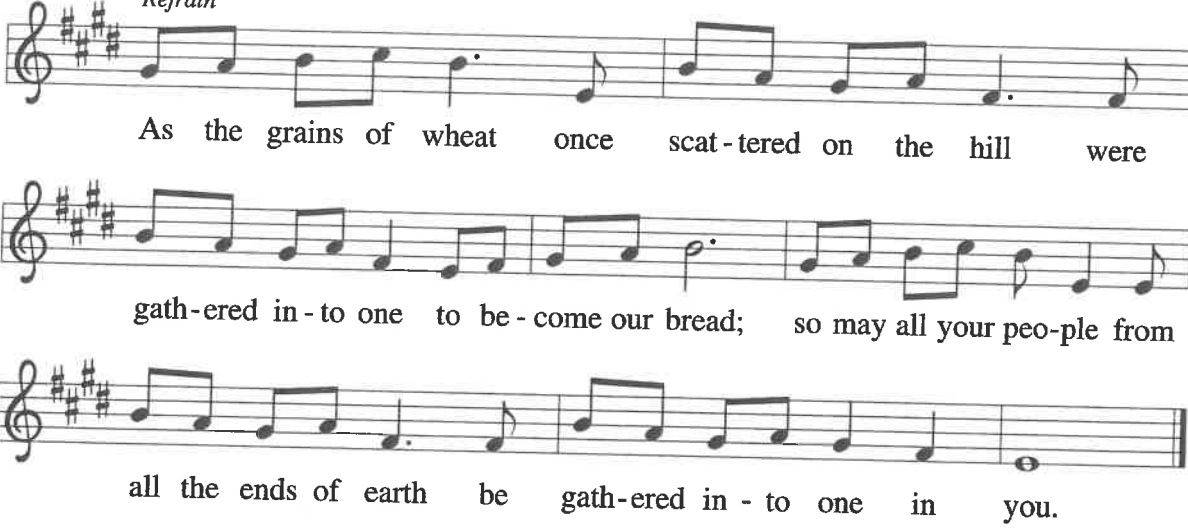


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As the Grains of Wheat

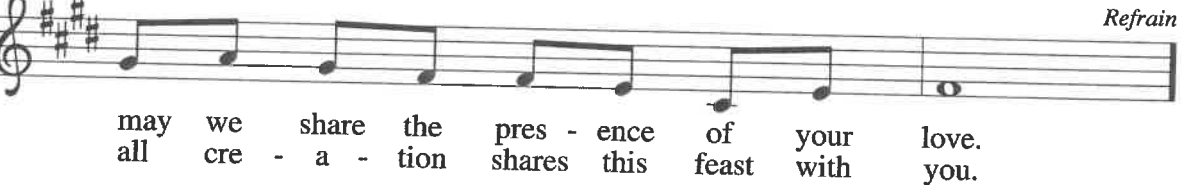
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As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

Refrain



may we share the pres-ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: Marty Haugen

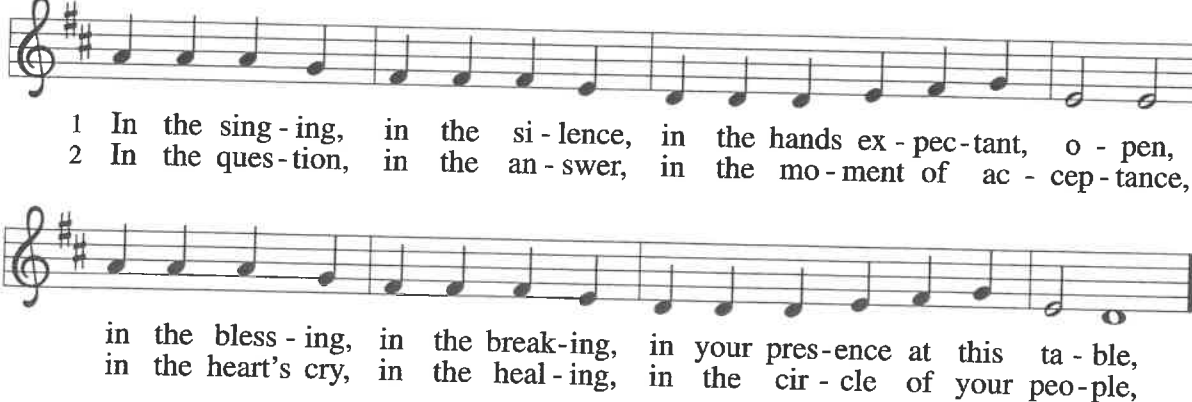
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AS THE GRAINS

Irregular

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In the Singing



1 In the sing-ing, in the si-lence, in the hands ex-pec-tant, o-pen,
2 In the ques-tion, in the an-swer, in the mo-ment of ac-cep-tance,
in the bless-ing, in the break-ing, in your pres-ence at this ta-ble,
in the heart's cry, in the heal-ing, in the cir-cle of your peo-ple,

Text: Shirley Erena Murray, b. 1931

Music: Carlton R. Young, b. 1926

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BREAD OF PEACE

LM and refrain

+OFFERTORY PRAYER

Holy God, you have entrusted us with an abundance of good things, O God. In gratitude, we joyfully return to you our gifts and our tithes, that you might use them to bless creation with your goodness and mercy, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

+HOLY COMMUNION

Presider: *Congregation:*



The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

Presider: *Congregation:*



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: *Congregation:*



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is




right to give God thanks and praise.

+PREFACE

It is our duty and delight.... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

+HOLY, HOLY, HOLY


Congregation:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and




might; Heav-en and earth are filled with your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!



Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

+EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

You are indeed holy, gracious and merciful God, creator of heaven and earth; everything, everywhere is filled with your glory. We give you thanks for the promise you gave to our ancestors, Abraham and Sarah, that through their descendants you would bless the whole family on earth.

We give you thanks for the steadfast love you showed to their offspring: You delivered them from Egypt, bound yourself to them in covenant, sent them liberators and prophets, brought them home from exile.

When the time had fully come, you kept your promise by sending Jesus, born of Mary, who in word and deed announced your gentle rule of justice and peace. He was obedient unto death, even death on a cross. We remember how on the night of his betrayal our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying: Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. After supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his command that we love one another, his life and death, and his glorious resurrection and ascension, we pray for his coming again even as we cry

The musical notation is written on three staves in A major (three sharps). The first staff is labeled "Presider:" and contains the lyrics "A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus. A -". The second staff is labeled "Congregation:" and contains the lyrics "men. Come, Lord Je - sus. A - men. Come, Lord". The third staff contains the lyrics "Je - sus. A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus." The melody is simple and repetitive, using eighth and quarter notes.

+LORD'S PRAYER

Make us bold, O merciful God, to address you as our Abba as we pray:

Our Father in heaven,

**hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

**as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen**

+COMMUNION INVITATION

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION & HYMNS

Red ELW 474 *Bread of Life from Heaven*

Red ELW 502 *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

All are welcome to receive communion at Valley of Peace. We serve communion every Sunday by intinction. After the pastor speaks the words of distribution to online worshipers, the ushers will then invite worshippers physically present to receive communion.

If you are receiving communion by intinction, there will be bread and gluten-free wafers available. As you come forward to receive communion, a communion server will serve you your preference. Please take the bread or wafer and dip it into your preference of either wine or juice. The first chalice will contain red wine and the second chalice will contain white grape juice.

If you prefer to not receive communion by intinction there are pre-packaged communion kits with a gluten-free wafer and grape juice. You may pick this up on your way to communion.

*If you prefer not to receive communion at all,
please come forward with your hands across your chest and you will receive a blessing.
If you are unable to come forward or do not want to be visible on the live-stream,
please let an usher know and communion will be brought to you.*

+COMMUNION BLESSING

+PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, for the blessings of this table.

May our lives be made new by these gifts of grace and may your love be made known through us. **Amen.**

+BLESSING

+SENDING HYMN Red ELW 543 *Go, My Children, with my Blessing*

+DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do not lose heart. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

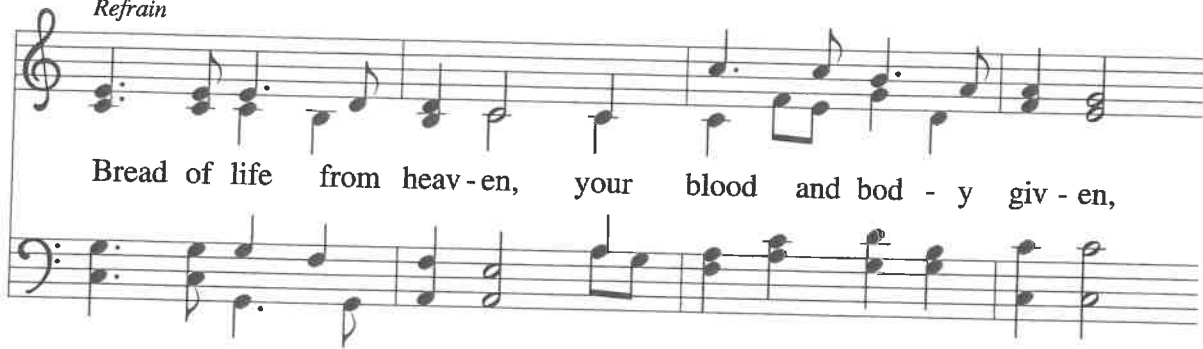
It Is Well with My Soul

Arranged by Mark Hayes

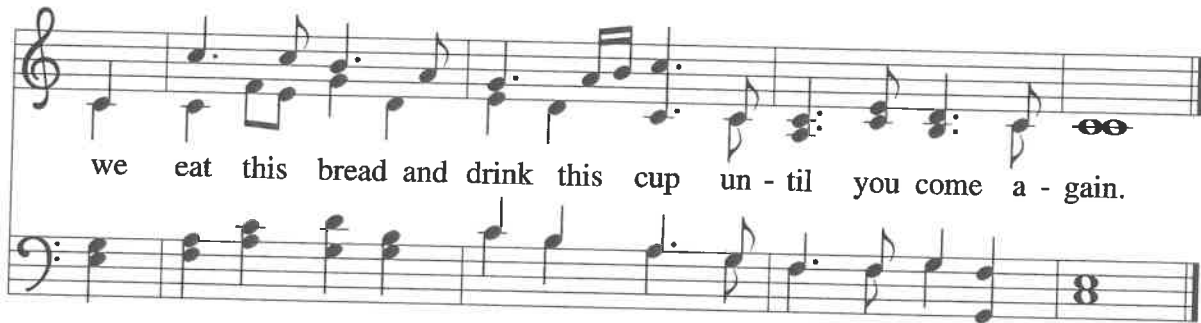
Bread of Life from Heaven

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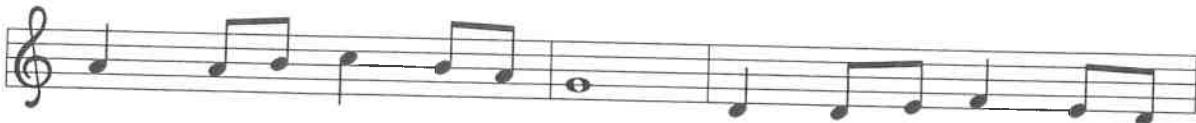
Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv - en,



we eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.



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| 1 | Break | now | the | bread | of | Christ's | sac - ri - fice; | | |
| 2 | Seek | not | the | food | that | will | pass a - way; | | giv - ing |
| 3 | Love | as | the | one | who, | in | love for you, | | set your |
| 4 | Dwell | in | the | one | who | now | dwells in you; | | gave him - |
| 5 | Drink | of | this | cup | and | de - | clare his death; | | make your |
| | | | | | | | | | eat this |



thanks, hun - gry ones,	gath - er round.	Eat, all of you, and be
hearts on the food that en - dures.		Come, learn the true and the
self for the life of the world.		Come to the one who is
home in the life - giv - ing Word.		Know on - ly Christ, Ho - ly
bread and be - lieve Eas - ter morn;		trust his re - turn and, with



sat - is - fied;	in Christ's pres - ence	the loaves will a - bound.
liv - ing way,	that the full - ness of life	may be yours.
food for you,	that your hun - ger and thirst	be no more.
One of God,	and be - lieve in the truth	you have heard.
ev - 'ry breath,	praise the one in whom you	are re - born.

Refrain

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952

Music: Argentine traditional, refrain; Marty Haugen, b. 1950, stanzas

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ARGENTINE SANTO | BREAK NOW THE BREAD

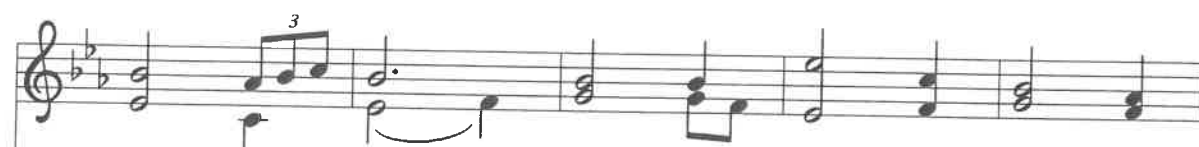
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The King of Love My Shepherd Is



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
 love he sought me, and, on his shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
 thine unction grace bestoweth;
 and, oh, what transport of delight
 from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,
 thy goodness faileth never.
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 within thy house forever.

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

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1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless-ing, nev - er a - lone.
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me.

Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.

In my love's bap-tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for-ev - er.
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com-fort stilled you.

Go, my chil - dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own.
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, joy - ful and free.



In Worship Today

Presider/Preacher.....	Pastor Ashley Osborn
Pianist/Organist.....	Beth Brandt
Special Music.....	Dan Miller
Opener/Closer.....	Craig Franz
Greeter.....	Dee Kendall
Welcome Center.....	Anna Halvorson
Ushers.....	Dottie Fergus, Sally Daniels Herron, Heidi Boesen, Lauren Pockl
Faith Moment.....	Barb Mikelson
Reader.....	Dottie Fergus
Worship Assistant.....	Diane Hinderlie
Communion Server.....	Sara Hoge, Steve Hoge, Becca Anderson, Dan Johnson
Coffee Cart.....	Abby and Matt Stetler
Tech.....	Ben Brandt
Altar Care.....	Pat Hepner

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In Worship on Sunday, September 28, at 10:15 a.m.

Presider/Preacher.....	Pastor Ashley Osborn
Pianist/Organist.....	Beth Brandt
Special Music.....	Chancel Choir
Opener/Closer.....	Paul Mikelson
Greeter.....	Sally Daniels Herron
Welcome Center.....	Chrys Johnson
Ushers.....	Youth, <i>assign at worship</i>
Faith Moment.....	Pastor Ashley
Reader.....	Youth, <i>assign at worship</i>
Worship Assistant.....	Sara Hoge
Communion Server.....	Sara Blood, Gabe Blood, Dee Kendall, Gina Privratsky
Coffee Cart.....	Margaret Wallace
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**For more information and a calendar of activities visit
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Reconciling In Christ Statement

We recognize that each person is a unique creation of God and, by grace, is called a child of God, without exception and regardless of gender, race, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, age, station in life, or political affiliation.

