

Valley of Peace Lutheran Church

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 12, 2025

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**“SPEAK,
for your
SERVANT
is listening.”**

1 SAMUEL 3:10, NRSV



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 **March 9, 2026**

Our next New Member Class is: Sunday, March 15, 2026 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
October 12, 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

Trumpet Voluntary II. Allegro

By John Bennett

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

+CALL TO WORSHIP

People of God, your God is calling you.
Speak, holy God, for we are listening.
People of God, your God is calling you.
Speak, holy God, for we are listening.
People of God, your God is calling you.
Speak, holy God, for we are listening.

+OPENING HYMN

Red ELW 520 Dearest Jesus, at Your Word

+CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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.

Dearest Jesus, at Your Word

1 Dear - est Je - sus, at your word we have come a -
 2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est
 3 Ra - diance of God's glo - ry bright, Light of Light from
 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, praise to you and

gain to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred
 dark - ness shroud - ed till your Spir - it breaks the night,
 God pro - ceed - ing, Je - sus, send your bless - ed light;
 ad - o - ra - tion! Grant us what we need the most:

and in glow - ing faith be near you as the prom - is -
 fill - ing us with light un - cloud - ed. All good thoughts and
 help our hear - ing, speak - ing, heed - ing, that our prayers and
 all your gos - pel's con - so - la - tion while we here on

es here giv - en draw us whol - ly up to heav - en.
 all good liv - ing come but by your gra - cious giv - ing.
 songs may please you, as with grate - ful hearts we praise you.
 earth a - wait you, till in heav'n with praise we greet you.

+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 who calls, open our ears to listen for your voice amid the clamor of our daily lives. Help us to discern your call from among the many distractions that confront us each day, that we might live each day according to your will. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

INTRODUCTION & PRAYER FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN DISCOVERY CENTER LEADERS

FAITH MOMENT

SCRIPTURE READING.....1 Samuel 3:1-21

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

SERMON

+HYMN OF THE DAY Red ELW 574 *Here I Am*

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

Ancient Words

arr. C. Courtney

Ancient words, ever true, ancient words ever true.
Ancient words, long preserved,
 for our walk in this world,
They resound with God's own heart.
O let the ancient words impart.

Words of life, words of hope give us strength,
 help us cope,
In this world where-e'er we roam,
 ancient words will guide us home.

Ancient words ever true, changing me and changing you,
We have come with open hearts.
O let the ancient words impart.

Holy words of our faith handed down to this age,
Came to us through sacrifice.
O heed the faithful word of Christ.

holy words long preserved for our walk in this world,
They resound with God's own heart.
O let the ancient words impart.

Ancient words ever true, changing me and changing you,
We have come with open hearts.
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+OFFERTORY RESPONSE

RED ELW 465 *As the Grains of Wheat*

+OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of abundance, you shower your gifts upon us, providing more than we need. In gratitude, we offer these, our possessions, our time, and even our very selves to the work of your just and holy reign. Receive them for the sake of Jesus Christ our savior. **Amen.**



Electronic Giving

Here I Am, Lord

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1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

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As the Grains of Wheat

Refrain

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
Text and music © 1990 GIA Publications, Inc.

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

+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!

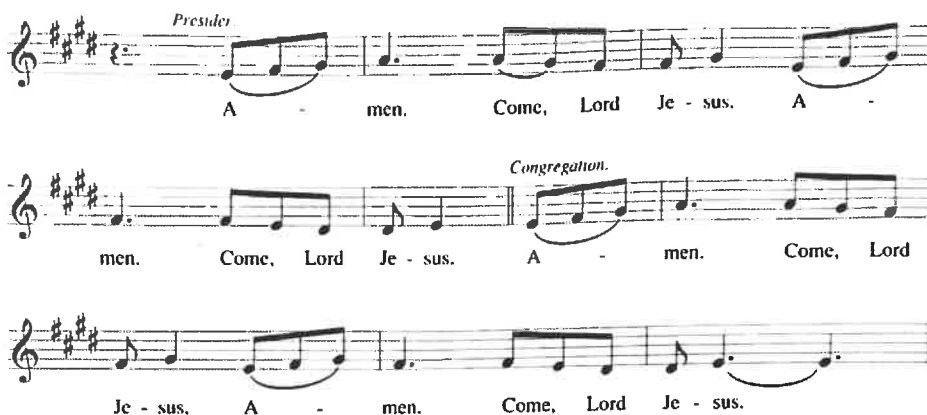
+EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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:



+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

As God provided bread to God's people in the desert, Jesus invites you now to this table to feast on the Bread of Life. Come with your siblings to be nourished in his holy presence, for all is prepared.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION & HYMNS

Red ELW 608 *Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling*

Red ELW 814 *Take, O Take Me As I Am*

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 Purple ACS 984 *May the God of Hope Go with Us*

+DISMISSAL

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


POSTLUDE

Take the Name of Jesus With You

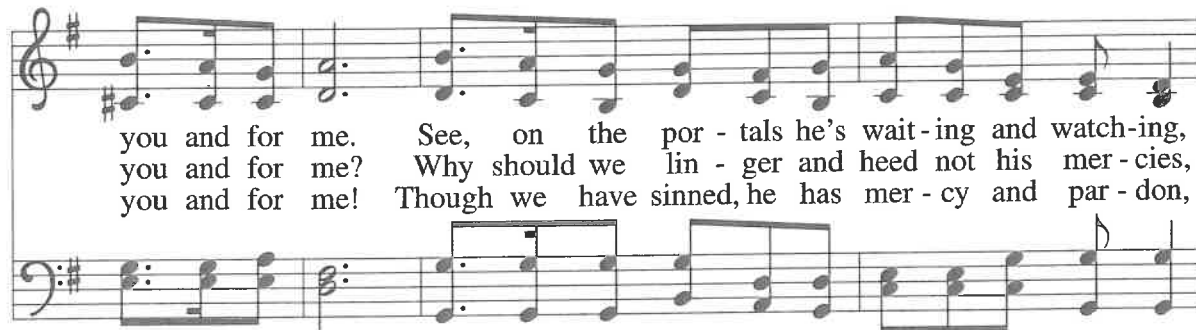
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Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

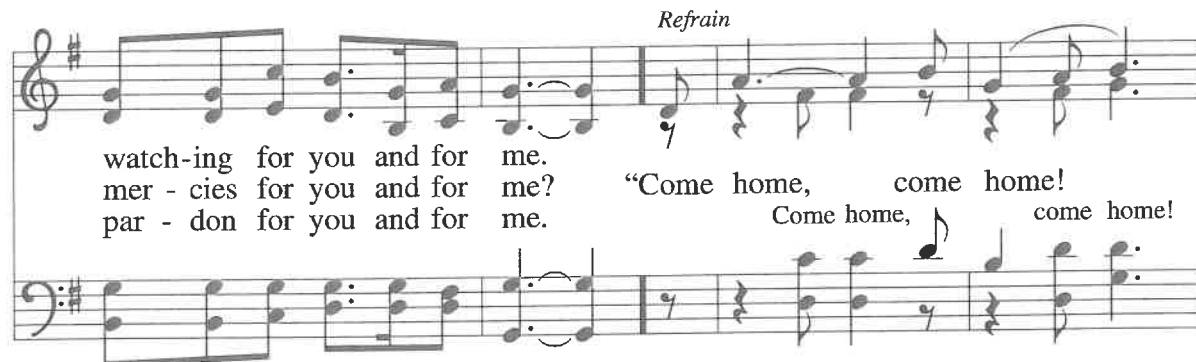


1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
 3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for



you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

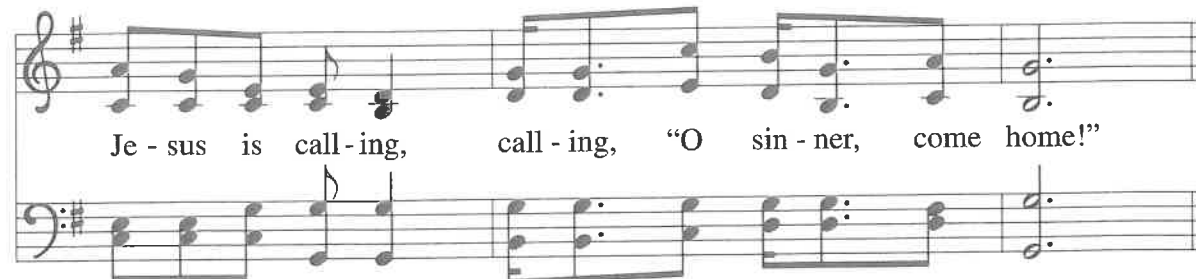
Refrain



watch - ing for you and for me.
 mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!
 par - don for you and for me. Come home, come home!"



You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,



Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

Faith of Our Fathers

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| <p>1 Faith of our fathers, living still
in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword.
Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
whene'er we hear that glorious word.
Faith of our fathers, holy faith,
we will be true to you till death.</p> | <p>3 Faith of our sisters, brothers too,
who still must bear oppression's might,
raising on high, in prisons dark,
the cross of Christ still burning bright.
Faith for today, O living faith,
we will be true to you till death.</p> |
| <p>2 Faith of our mothers, daring faith,
your work for Christ is love revealed,
spreading God's word from pole to pole,
making love known and freedom real.
Faith of our mothers, holy faith,
we will be true to you till death.</p> | <p>4 Faith born of God, oh, call us yet,
bind us with all who follow you,
sharing the struggle of your cross
until the world is made anew.
Faith born of God, O living faith,
we will be true to you till death.</p> |

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, st. 1, alt.; Joseph R. Alfred, b. 1947, sts. 2–4
Text sts. 2–4 © Joseph R. Alfred

ST. CATHERINE
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Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am

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The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has two staves: a treble staff and a bass staff. The treble staff contains the melody, and the bass staff contains the piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Take, oh, take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be;". The second system also has two staves. The treble staff contains the melody, and the bass staff contains the piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.".

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949
Music: John L. Bell
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TAKE ME AS I AM
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May the God of Hope Go with Us

Dios de la esperanza

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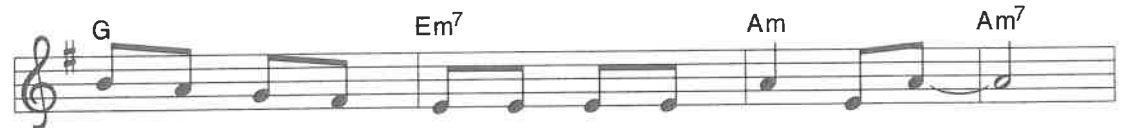
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¡Dios de la es - pe - ran - za, da - nos go - zo y paz!
May the God of hope go with us ev - 'ry day,



Al mun - do en cri - sis, ha - bla tu ver - dad.
to a world in need with news of joy and peace.



Dios de la jus - ti - cia, mán - da - nos tu luz,
May the God of jus - tice speed us on our way,



luz y es - pe - ran - za en la os - cu - ri - dad.
bring - ing light and hope to ev - 'ry land and race.



O - re - mos por la paz, can - te - mos
Pray - ing, let us work for peace; sing - ing, share our



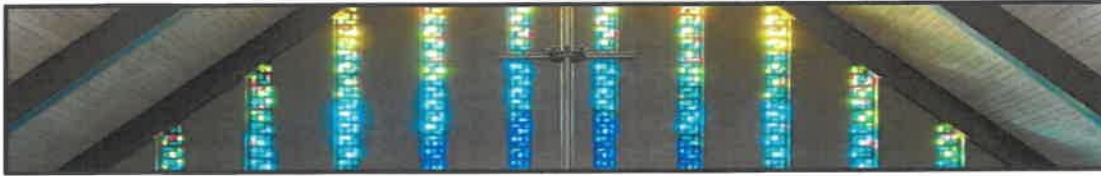
de tu a - mor. Lu - che - mos por la paz,
joy with all; work - ing for a world that's new,



fie - les a ti, Se - ñor.
faith - ful when we hear Christ's call.

Text: Alvin Schutmaat, 1921-1988, alt.
Music: Argentine folk melody

ARGENTINA
11 11 11 11 7 7 7



In Worship Today

Presider/Preacher.....	Pastor Ashley Osborn
Pianist/Organist.....	Beth Brandt
Special Music.....	Chancel Choir
Opener/Closer.....	Paul Mikelson
Greeter.....	Chrys Johnson
Welcome Center.....	Diane Hinderlie
Ushers.....	Kari Roll, Shennon Jay, Pam and Wes Syverson
Faith Moment.....	Barry Terrass
Reader.....	Dave Gilyard
Worship Assistant.....	Kari Roll
Communion Servers.....	Gina Privratsky, Laurie Eaton, Anna Halvorson, Dave Gilyard
Coffee Cart.....	Sally Daniels Herron
Tech.....	Evelyn Anderson
Altar Care.....	Claudia Aronsohn

The Altar Flowers are given by Pastor Ashley and Jon Osborn in celebration of their 12th wedding anniversary, which was October 11th

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In Worship on Sunday, October 19, at 10:15 a.m.

Presider/Preacher.....	Pastor Wade Wacholz
Pianist/Organist.....	Leslie Gilyard
Special Music.....	Mary Hovden
Opener/Closer.....	Craig Franz
Greeter.....	Dottie Fergus
Welcome Center.....	Sally Daniels Herron
Ushers.....	Lynn & Ken Schneider, Darlene & Dean Lamker
Faith Moment.....	Kari Roll
Reader.....	Diane Hinderlie
Worship Assistant.....	Darcie Rodman
Communion Servers.....	Heidi Boesen, Anna Campbell, Sara Blood, Wes Syverson
Coffee Cart.....	Margaret Wallace
Tech.....	Chuck Rudolph
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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.

