

Welcome

Psalm 136 (selected verses)

Hymn Let Us with a Joyful Mind #16

Gathering Prayer

Holy God, challenge us with your dream for what our church, our lives, and our world can be. Give us the strength and patience we need to be faithful to your vision that we may overcome any obstacle. With Christ to guide us and your Spirit among us, your dream we will build. Amen.

Scripture Ezra 1:1-11

Sermon

Hymn Called as Partners #495

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who is in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Invitation to Generosity

Offering Response

**All praise to the Father
from whom all blessings come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, his only Son,
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one.
And they'll know we are Christians
by our love, by our love,
yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Inspiring God, thank you for the vision of building together. Thank you for the abundance of gifts we have in our community to fulfill your dreams for us. Bless what we have offered, so that piece by piece, we are adding to your mission and ministry. Amen.

Announcements

Hymn Take My Gifts #562

Blessing

Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek.

- Barack Obama

If you can dream it, you can do it.

- Walt Disney

Keep in Prayer

Eloise Horn, Mary Robinson, Lewis Poths,
Linda Stark, Rollie Homan, Lonnie Hall
Nathan Depinet (friend of Adam Rouse),
Our Shut-ins: Allen, Carol, Joan

Offering: May be left in the basket in the back.

Announcements

Worship Sponsor: Penny Sparks
in memory of Helen Payne

Newsletters are available

Next Sunday

Worship returns to 10am in the sanctuary
Sunday school and Confirmation will meet after
worship

LGBTQ+ Family & Ally Support Group

Tuesday, Sept. 2, 6:30pm

Council

Monday, Sept. 8, 7pm

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Welcome to the
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Today's Scripture Ezra 1:1-11

In the first year of King Cyrus of Persia, to fulfill the word of the Lord from the mouth of Jeremiah, the Lord stirred up the spirit of King Cyrus of Persia so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, saying:

“Thus says King Cyrus of Persia: The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Let any of those among you who are of his people—may their God be with them!—go up to Jerusalem in Judah and rebuild the house of the Lord, the God of Israel; he is the God who is in Jerusalem. And let all survivors in whatever place they reside be assisted by the people of their place with silver and gold, with goods, and with livestock, besides freewill offerings for the house of God in Jerusalem.”

Then the heads of the families of Judah and Benjamin and the priests and the Levites—everyone whose spirit God had stirred—got ready to go up and rebuild the house of the Lord in Jerusalem. All their neighbors aided them with silver vessels, with gold, with goods, with livestock, and with valuable gifts, besides all that was freely offered. King Cyrus himself brought out the vessels of the house of the Lord that Nebuchadnezzar had carried away from Jerusalem and placed in the house of his gods.