

Welcome & Gathering Psalm
Prelude

Gathering Prayer

As we gather here out of love for you, O God, help us set aside the things that weigh us down, and that distract us from you. Help us to let go of anger, to let go of thoughts and words that can hurt, and to let go of selfishness that blinds us to the needs of others. Let your love and compassion fill our hearts and pour out through our lives. Amen.

Hymn I Sing the Mighty Power of God #12

Scripture Luke 12:13-21
Sermon

Hymn As We Gather at the Table #332

Celebration of Communion

Prayer after Communion

Thank you, loving God, for inviting us to share in this meal. May we sense your presence in new and deeper ways, and carry within us a sacred longing for your kingdom where love and compassion know no bounds. Amen.

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

We offer our gifts and our lives to you, gracious God, that we may work together to build up a world in which your justice, your values, and your vision are lived and honored by all. Amen.

Announcements

Hymn We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky #563

Blessing

Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.

- Jesus

There is a sufficiency in the world for man's need but not for man's greed.

- Mahatma Gandhi

Keep in Prayer

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

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

Announcements

Worship Sponsor: Zehnders, in celebration of
their 33rd wedding anniversary.

Ally Support Group Meeting, August 5, 6:30pm

Coffee & Fellowship, August 14, 8:30a,
at Lyn Marie's

Non-Food Bank, August 20, 9a-12p

Christian Ed, August 24 after worship

Last Summer Worship Sunday is August 31
September 7 worship is at 10am

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Today's Scripture Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."