

Welcome

Quiet Meditation
Call to Worship

Hymn When Morning Gilds the Skies #86

Prayer of Confession and Forgiveness

Holy One, we confess to you and before one another that we have not always lived as people of abundance. We have hoarded our time, our friendship, our resources, and our love. We have stunted growth by silencing others. We have put up walls around us to protect our privileged ways. Open our hearts to receive and share your generous, abundant love.

Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above the heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Scripture Matthew 14:13-21
Sermon

Hymn For the Fruit of All Creation #425

Celebration of Communion

Prayer After Communion

Gracious Host, thank you for showing us again that we are invited to live and work in your kingdom abundance. May our faith grow to bear the full measure of your grace, bringing a lightness to our work and a wonder to our lives. 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 Song

**All praise to the Father,
from whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, the Chosen One,
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

Thank you, God, for the blessing of sharing in your abundant and life-affirming work. May our gifts contribute to your kingdom as we support the ministry of your church. Amen.

Announcements

Hymn God, Whose Giving... #565
Blessing

Abundance is not something we acquire. It is something we tune into.

- Wayne Dyer

Keep in Prayer

Sue Ann Miller, Wes Brewer, Scott Horn,
Lewis Poths, Rollie Homan, Jane Sanders & Bob
Sanders (sister & brother of Jean King),
Our Shut-ins: Eloise, Allen, Carol, Linda

Offering: May be left in the basket in the back.
Thank you for supporting OUR CHURCH!

Announcements

Worship Sponsor: Shane & Melissa Zehnder

LGBTQ+ Ally/Family Support Group Meeting

Tuesday, August 4, 6:30pm

Christian Education Meeting

Sunday, August 9, after worship

Council Meeting, August 10, 7pm

Worship music streamed by permission One License #A-720511

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Changing Lives to Change the World

Today's Scripture

Matthew 14:13-21

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷ They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸ And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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