



Prelude

Evan O'Donovan

Welcome

Reverend Ed Hoener

Call To Worship:

God of grace, you simultaneously see who we are and who we are becoming. **Holy Spirit, you work within us and in our lives in ways that help us to make progress.** Jesus' teachings and example are like seeds planted in our hearts that produce a growing faith, and dedication to God. **Our lives participate in God's desire to make all things on earth aligned with love, justice, and peace.**

***Hymn of Praise #32**

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Call to Reconciliation

Prayer of Reconciliation:

O God, your deepest desire is that we learn to be ourselves. You come, to forgive, and heal, which promotes our growth in grace and service. Our confidence is grounded in the potential you see germinating deep inside us, and the harvest it will be. Amen.

Silent Prayers

Assurance of Grace:

God is ever at work making us new – making the most of us. **In Christ we live and move and have our being.**

***Response of Praise #456**

Listen, God Is Calling

vs. 3

Sharing the Peace of Christ:

The peace of Christ heals and soothes our souls. **We are called to share Christ's peace and love.** The peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

Scripture Reading

1 Sam. 16:1-3; 6-13

Ministry of Music

Evan O'Donovan

Scripture Reading

Mark 4:26-29

Message

Pastor Ed

A Time for Reflecting and Responding

***Hymn of Faith #684**

Faith Begins by Letting Go

*If you can stand comfortably, please do so.

Celebrating Passion Enterprises

Sharing what God has done in each other's lives is a source of encouragement, and reminds us that faith, and prayer and grace are at work! Please come to the lectern and share your testimony so that everyone may see and hear.

Prayer Requests

Please come forward to share your request so all may hear.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Call to Offering

***Offering Song #710**

We are an Offering

**We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an offering.
Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are Yours, we are
an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to You,
we give to You. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we
are an offering, we are an offering.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

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***Hymn of Response #623**

I've Got Peace like a River

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

Evan O'Donovan

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Announcements

Thank you to Cheryl Anne Cammann for running the projector!

Join our Worship Support Team! For more information; ask the pastor or the technicians or call the church office.

Coffee Hour

We want to thank Gail Anderson for providing coffee hour today. Linda Anderson is providing it on September 27th. The Sundays of September 6th, 13th, and 20th are still open. There is a sign-up sheet for the Sunday(s) you'd like to host on the food table in Davis Hall.

Chair Yoga Has Returned

The next session is Tuesday, September 8th at 9:00 a.m. in Davis Hall. Thursday evening chair yoga will resume on September 17th at 6:30 p.m.

"The Chosen" is on Hold

Season 6 isn't available until mid-November, so our sessions are on hold until November 20. You can take this opportunity to catch up on the other seasons to join us in November for Season 6 (hint, hint).



Online Donations

PRAYER PERSON OF THE WEEK

Odrigue Joseph

PRAYER REQUESTS

Jayden, Dante, Helene's sister, Barbara, Bobby's family, Joan Pender & family, Doris, Patricia H., Fran, Paul, Matthew W. & family, Eunice, Barbra & Dave, William S., Abisiji B., Damilola B., Rosemary B., Bob M., Doug A., Patrick W., Michele P., Louise & Teddy, Barbara, Agnes N. & family, Savannah B. & family, Becky, John, Sam, Michael, Sara & Joan P., Mary "Cookie" F., Nicole, Allison, Mary R., Helen, Logan, Harper, Dorothy R., Amy

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