

PRELUDE
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
RECEIVING THE LIGHT

GATHERING WORDS

Leader: We gather together in the name of Jesus Christ.

People: Members of God's family, and brothers and sisters to one another.

Leader: There are no outsiders here among us.

People: No one has any special standing or bragging rights.

Leader: We have all been brought together by the redeeming love of Jesus.

People: Let us all join together in worship!

***OPENING SONG**

"Bind Us Together"

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together
With cords that cannot be broken
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together
Bind us together with love

There is only God, there is only one King
There is only one body, this is why we sing...

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)**

Steadfast God, we confess that we are so busy putting up walls between ourselves that we cannot see the home You are building for all of us. We spend so much time noting the differences between us, while You embrace everyone as Your own. We run to welcome those who look, talk, and act like us, and You throw open Your doors to the stranger and alien in our midst.

Forgive us. By your grace, help us to see the household You are building for all people - where there are no rooms that are off-limits and even the smallest child is welcome to sit at the big people's table. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***PRAYER SONG**

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

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***PASSING THE PEACE**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (Children are invited to come forward to sit on the steps.)

SCRIPTURE

Ron Becker, Liturgist

Romans 12:1-8

MESSAGE

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Cathy Graff, Judy Kahle, Vicki Ptak, Edna Weinman

SERMON HYMN

"Rock of Ages"

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Save from wrath and make me pure.

Could my tears forever flow,
Could my zeal no languor know,
These for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone:
In my hand no price I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
When my eyes shall close in death,
When I rise to words unknown,
And behold Thee on Thy throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

OFFERTORY

***RESPONSE**

"Take My Life"

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***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)**

Lord Jesus, with gratitude for our belonging to Your community of love, we bring these gifts and dedicate ourselves to Your mission. Use them according to Your will and wisdom, we pray. Amen.

***SINGING OUR CALL**

"Trading My Sorrows"

I'm trading my sorrows
I'm trading my shame
I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord

I'm trading my sickness
I'm trading my pain
I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord

Chorus:

We say yes Lord yes Lord yes yes Lord
Yes Lord yes Lord yes yes Lord
Yes Lord yes Lord yes yes Lord Amen

I'm pressed but not crushed, persecuted not abandoned
Struck down but not destroyed
I'm blessed beyond the curse for His promise will endure
And His joy's gonna be my strength

Though the sorrow may last for the night
His joy comes with the morning

(Repeat song)

***BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **POTLUCK WITH A PURPOSE** – **TODAY** immediately after the morning worship service. Please join us!
- **LUNCH BUNCH** – Travels to **Charm Family Restaurant** this month. Meet on **Tuesday, October 16** to join us: Carpool from the Hawkins parking lot at 11:30, or meet at the restaurant at 12:15. All are welcome!

Also, please note, there will be NO Lunch Bunch in November.

- **SESSION MEETING** – **Monday, October 22, 7:00 p.m.**
- **GAME NIGHT IN THE GALLERY** – Join us for a fun-filled evening of board games on **Saturday, October 27, 7:00 p.m.** Bring a snack if you like. Fun for all ages!
- **MANY THANKS!** - Thank you for your generosity! Many kids in Honduras will benefit from our efforts to put together 94 school kits and 81 dental kits. The Mission Team thanks everyone for providing the many items in the kits. Thanks for making a difference for kids served by CAMO (Central American Medical Outreach).
- **COFFEE FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** – With the cooler weather, the Fellowship Team would like to initiate a coffee fellowship, having hot beverages available as members and guests arrive. If you may be willing to prepare hot drinks on Sunday mornings, please sign up on the kiosk in the Gallery. Ron Becker, our Fellowship Elder, can provide details of the duties of your assignment: 330-345-7214.
- **CRAFT & BAKE SALE** -With our sale coming up on Saturday, Nov. 10, 2018, it is time to get our advertising out. Please notice that we have small fliers and business cards on the table in the narthex ready to go to bulletin boards of businesses and restaurants that you frequent. Any community area that would catch the eyes of lots of people is perfect. The larger signs are going out today, hopefully to high traffic areas as well. Thank you in advance for your help in this project.
—Barb Dilyard
- **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!** – There will be a Church **“Work Day”** on **Saturday, November 17, from 8 a.m. to 12:00 noon.** All are welcome. No special skills or tools needed. Come help get our Church ready for the coming holiday season.
—Scott Becker, Trustee