

Participating in Worship Today

Piano & Organ	Julie von Eschen
Song Leaders	Steve & Kelly Brumm
Greeter:	Mary Lou Kollath
Ushers:	Mark & Joyce Landmark
Audio Tech:	Alan Ferguson
Reader:	Barbara Schmidt
Communion Bread:	Tisha Brown
Serving Communion:	Mark & Joyce Landmark
Coffee Hour/Brunch:	POTLUCK!!!
Ministers	All the People
Pastor	Brad Brookins

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father 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 sins,

As we forgive those who sin against us.

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

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

Amen

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**SURELY THE LORD IS
IN THIS PLACE...AND
I DID NOT KNOW IT!**



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16th Sunday after Pentecost!!

September 24, 2017

Greeting

Silence

When Jacob Awoke

Prelude

Give Me Jesus

Bringing in the Light

1st Song

More Light

* 2nd Song

I Love to Tell the Story

* Prayer

For some of us the darkness hangs heavy with trouble this morning and we see in a dim light. Others of us walk in pleasant paths. Ever present and faithful God, meet us where we. Comfort the mourning and the afflicted. Strengthen the weak and the weary. May we today, and day by day, breathe in the presence of your Spirit and walk together in the way of Jesus we pray. Amen.

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Isaiah 43. 1-4

But now thus says the Lord,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine...

By God's grace today we are forgiven and made whole, and so we all say:

Thanks be to God!

*Breathe on me, Breath of God. Fill me with life anew
That I may love what you do love, and do what you would do.*

Offering

Love wants to know how (author unknown)

*... Go now,
quickly and with great force,
toward what burns in your dreams
at the dying of the year...*

Offertory

In Times Like These

* Response *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow!*

* Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

We are in the abundant season, Generous God, and in gratitude for your gifts, your grace and your goodness we return a small portion of what you have given. Use what we bring to bless your world and to bless your people— whoever and wherever they are we pray, in Jesus name. Amen.

1st Scripture Reading

II Corinthians 12.7-10

I Can't Even Walk
Steve & Kelly Brumm

2nd Scripture Reading

Genesis 28. 16-17

"...and when God speaks things happen, worlds are created, truth is heard."

Sermon

...and now for the good news...

The Table

We are invited

Our Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

(The Lord's Prayer is printed on the back of your bulletin)

* Hymn

O Thou in Whose Presence

* Benediction

Let the Lord's light shine...

Postlude

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Please remember with your prayers, cards, and calls:

Beecher Daniels recovering from surgery and awaiting test results.

Victims of hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Katia, Jose and Maria

Victims of the smoke and fires our west

Donna & Roger Stoll; Brad and Jessica Stoll

Liz Klopotic recovering from knee surgery

Helen Leavenworth & her friend James Tappan who recovering from a hospital stay

If you would like to submit a name or concern for this prayer list please call or email the church office. Thanks.

Serving in Worship on October 1, 2017

Greeter: Mary Dowling

Ushers: **Volunteers Needed**

Audio Tech: Alan Ferguson

Reader: Margy Murray

Communion Bread: Beth Albert

Serving Communion: Scott & Janelle Holmstrom

Coffee Hour/Brunch: POTLUCK!!!

REMEMBER—our Fall/Winter schedule has begun. The Adult Sunday School class meets around the kitchen table at 9:00 a.m. and the worship service will begin at 10:15.

Remember—we are continuing our experiment with POTLUCK!!! coffee hours for the next few months. As always, bring a little of what you have and all will be well fed. If you aren't able to bring something for any reason, please stay and

eat anyway. **If you are visiting with us we hope you will be our guest.** You will likely leave repeating our “brag line” — “the finest coffee hour in Dane County”.

Please send your announcements to the church office by email or phone call by Thursday of each week. We are trying to cut down on the number of impromptu announcements made during the worship service to save time and avoid disruptions to the worship time.

From Mary Lou Kollath:

As everyone knows, this is quilt raffle ticket selling time. Because I am usually in the kitchen on Sunday mornings, helping set up for the potluck, no one is sitting at the table, selling those tickets. It's a “do it yourself” kind of thing, so help yourself, mark your name on the sheet, and how many tickets you've bought.. I am trusting you to put the correct amount of money in the plastic box holding the cash. Take change if necessary. Tickets cost \$1 each, or you can get 6 for \$5. A real deal! The winning ticket will be drawn the first Sunday in November. Thank you.

Clothes Closet Liaison Needed. Ruth Dobson is retiring as we will be in need of a liaison to represent us at the Community Clothes Closet. If there are two members who would prefer to serve as co-liaisons, that would work also. If interested, or if you have questions, please call Ruth Dobson (437-3224) by Sat., Sept. 30! Thank you!

There will be a grounds cleanup day on Saturday, October 7, 2017, beginning at 9:30 AM. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided. This cleanup shouldn't take more than about two hours. Please join us!

Autumn comes with its riot of death,
its clarion bells of color,
drives the living green to ground
even as it thins the veil between worlds.
The visible and invisible walk now together
with arms outstretched over fields
where workers hasten to the harvest
none may divide against itself.

So: where are you in this?
How long do you loiter
between the said and unsaid,
the done and undone,
between the half and true rhyme
of a life answering a life?

Geese mark the sky with dark wedges,
call with harsh tongues
to what thrives at the margins
of all we so reluctantly receive.
Go now,
quickly and with great force,
toward what burns in your dreams
at the dying of the year.

Who can say?
Perhaps you reap the whirlwind,
perhaps the harvest—
but is it ever enough to not know
the bonds and bounds of what will one day
forsake you for the grave?

II Cor. 12.7-10

Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given to me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹but he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.' So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.