

PRAYER REQUESTS

- ****Cookie Ortiz, friend of Lena Wagner
- ****The family of Brent Sutton, father of Bill & Diane Payne's daughter-in-law
- ****Debra Ely, sister to Dave Walters
- ****Bette Blackwell, granddaughter of Jill Newsom
- ***Ellis, grandson of Jen Olejniczak
- ***The family of Donald Walters, uncle to Dave Walters
- ***Mary, aunt to Bob Miskimins
- ***Kathe Stennis, family to Brenda Hendry
- ***Lori Seigfried, friend of Dave & Gina Franklin
- ***The family of Gene Fort, friend of Jill Newsom
- **Barb Langton, sister-in-law to Carol Lair
- **Sue Mayberry, friend of Kris & Debbie Olson
- **Jeff Hetzel, son-in-law to Marcia Matthews
- **Brian Kooy, friend of Brenda Hendry
- *Darlene Lang
- *Natalie Gouwens, friend of Jon Lair
- *Caitlin Musick, friend of Jon Lair
- Rene & Richard Taylor, sister to Debbie Olson
- Joyce Vrabel

Senior Pastor—Rev. Denise Robinson
Pastor of Youth & Family—Rev. Becky Sundquist
Today's Liturgist—Kathy Giannini
Music—Jill Newsom
Treasurer—Linda Boender
Connections Coordinator—Nancy Caddick
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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

9:00am Traditional Worship at Ridge

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God says, “I can’t stand your trivial religious games.” Do we play games when it comes to our faith? Are our prayers and our worship just a way to show off how spiritual we are? Why are we here?

We come in faith, not to show that we are wonderful people, but to become better people.

We come to strengthen our spirits as we seek to live out God’s call:

To say no to wrong and to learn to do good.

To work for justice. To stand up for the homeless. To speak for the defenseless.

We come because the God who is perfect loves us, accepts us, and forgives us. We come to learn how to love, accept, and forgive one another. Amen.

* HYMN OF PRAISE

#2126 All Who Hunger v1-3

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Rev. Becky Sundquist

OFFERING

All I Need Is You

Chancel Choir

* DOXOLOGY AND BLESSING OVER OFFERING

PRAISES AND PRAYER CONCERNS

PRAYER SONG

#2214 Lead Me, Guide Me v1, 3

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER

*SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 1:13-17

¹³ Stop bringing meaningless offerings! Your incense is detestable to me. New moons, Sabbaths and convocations—I cannot bear your worthless assemblies. ¹⁴ Your new moon feasts and your appointed festivals I hate with all my being. They have become a burden to me; I am weary of bearing them. ¹⁵ When you spread out your hands in prayer, I hide my

eyes from you; even when you offer many prayers, I am not listening. Your hands are full of blood! ¹⁶ Wash and make yourselves clean. Take your evil deeds out of my sight; stop doing wrong. ¹⁷ Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

THE MESSAGE

Games We Play

Rev. Denise Robinson

HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

#671 Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing

***BENEDICTION & POSTLUDE** *As worship concludes we move to the Gathering Room, where we are invited to greet one another and share in fellowship.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Weekly Studies—Starting on 9/8 and each Sunday following the 9am Traditional Service we begin the study of “Integrity of Faithful Living”. On Wednesdays at 5pm and Thursdays at 8am we will begin the study of “Wisdom Of Proverbs” starting on 9/4 and 9/5. These weekly studies are open to everyone. For additional information contact Wes Lukoshus.

Donut Server—Volunteers are needed to serve donuts between the services on Sundays in the Gathering Room. Volunteers can be from either service. A sign up sheet is located near the donut table in the Gathering Room. Contact Nancy Caddick for additional information.

Reclaim, Revive, Renew with Rev. Chris Danielson—Participants will have the opportunity to restore their soul and learn practices for the journey ahead on September 14th at Church Of The Four Seasons UMC in Crown Point from 2pm—5pm. Register at <https://inumc.swoogo.com/R3North091424>.

Attendance—Please let us know that you are here by completing the [Blue Gather](#) card and any additional information.



* *You are invited to remain seated or stand as you are able.*