

The Lord's Prayer (words projected)

***Doxology (As the offering is brought forward)**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn - "God of Grace and God of Glory" - Blue Hymnal #435**

Benediction

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

All: Amen.

***The Peace of Christ**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

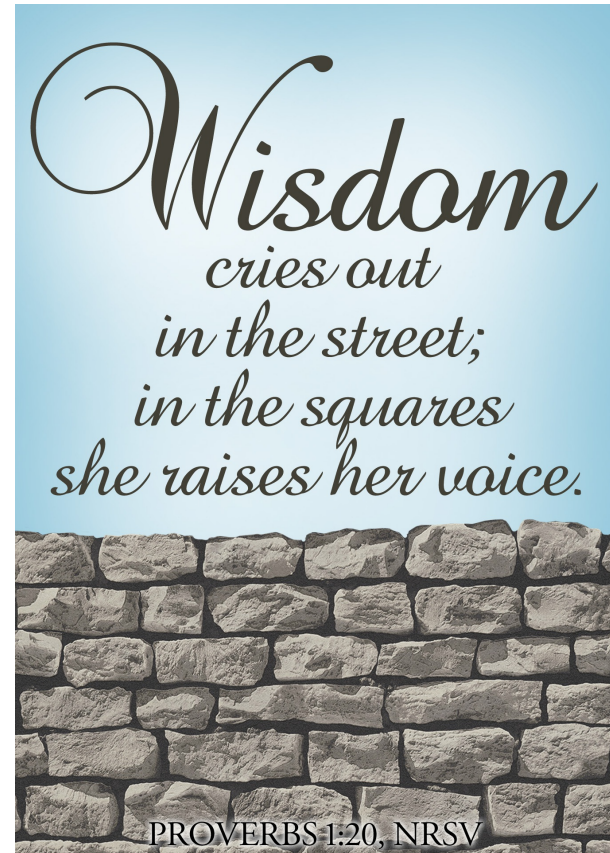
***Sending**

Pastor Luke Schmalz

***Postlude: Lorene Witte**



The First Congregational Church
Your Independent Worship Center



September 15, 2024

The Order of Worship
***please stand, if you are able**

Prelude: Lorene Witte

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship (Psalm19)

Pastor: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

All: There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

Pastor: Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat. The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

All: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

Pastor: Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults. Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

All: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymns - "The Wonder of It All" - Blue Hymnal #738**

Prayer of Confession

All: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by

what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Prayer

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: Hear the good news! Take comfort in the assurance that even those things that are hidden from memory, or are too deep for our words, are not beyond God's forgiving love. God, who knows us completely, bestows pardon and peace.

All: Thanks be to God!

***Response - Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

JeLy Bell! All kids are invited to go to the JeLy Room for JeLY Church!

(JeLy ~ Jesus Loves You)

Scripture:

Proverbs 1:20-33, James 3:1-12, Mark 8:27-38

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Message: "Wisdom Cries Out" - Pastor Luke Schmalz

***The Apostles' Creed** (words projected)

***Walk Up Choir - "Children of the Heavenly Father" #719**

Preparation to Prayer - "Dear Lord & Father of Mankind" #639

Moments of Praise & Prayer Requests

Prayers of the Congregation

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Our Church News

Altar Rep: Mary Butterick

Greeting us today: Barb Clark

Next Sunday: Ted, Jeannie & Scott Caris

Song Leader: Bill Black

Tech Booth - Thank you volunteers! Lou, Kendra, Garrett

Happy Birthday to ~

Betty Dougan (19), Brad Church, John Cooper (20)

Happy Anniversary to ~

Prayer Requests ~

Dick Ramm - fell and broke his arm

The family of Lou Deleguardia - passing of Lou's son, Wil

The family of Bev Williams - passing of Bev grandson

This Weeks Calendar

Sunday, September 15 - pledge card due!

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:15 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Fellowship Hall

Monday, September 16

9:30 a.m. Men's Coffee Time - Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open - when two or three are gathered

6:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting - Library

Rooms of Refuge - Sept 16 - 23

Tuesday, September 17 - Church Office Closed

Wednesday, September 18

9:30 a.m. Men's Coffee Time - Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open - when two or three are gathered

Thursday, September 19 - Church Office Closed

10:30 a.m. Christmas Crafters - Fellowship Hall

Friday, September 20

9:30 a.m. Men's Coffee Time - Library

10:00 a.m. Woodshop Open - when two or three are gathered

Saturday, September 21

Sunday, September 22

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:15 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Fellowship Hall

11:30 a.m. Music Committee Meeting - Library

*The Trustees would like pledge cards returned by **TODAY**. Please prayerfully consider what you can pledge for 2025 so the Trustees can prepare a balanced budget.*

Welcome to worship! We are grateful for your presence - whether you are a visitor or a member. Friends and guests, welcome to worship in the name of Jesus, who is both Savior and Friend and who welcomes all.

Walk Choir today. The songs are "Children of the Heavenly Father" #719 and "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" #639. If you would like to sing just "walk up" when it's time.

Rooms of Refuge will be using our facilities September 16-23. If you are willing to provide a dinner (plan for 5-6 including volunteers) for them please sign up on the sheet by the church office. Questions? Talk with Pastor Luke.

The Music Committee will meet next Sunday, September 22 following worship.

Autumn Sunday - September 22 - Invite your friends and neighbors - Come for worship at 10:00 and stay for a slice of apple pie.

Harvest Parade - we will be having a float again this year - if you would like to ride on the trailer or walk -sign up on the sheet by the church office. NOTE: The parade will once again be using our parking lot to assemble. Be aware of the traffic!

All Church Meeting - Sunday, September 29 - this is a followup from the town hall meeting we had in April.

Annual Reports are due September 29.

Crop Walk, October 6

Registration will begin at 12:45pm in Veteran's Memorial Park and the walk begins at 1:30pm.

The course is 4 miles but for those of us who can't walk the entire route, transportation will be provided back to Veterans Park. No bicycles or tricycles permitted.

Handouts with details are available at the window of the FCC Kitchen as well as a basket for donations. Please make checks payable to CWS/CROP. Thank you! The Board of Charitable Giving, Barb V and Jack B

Mark your calendar:

Spaghetti Supper fundraiser by Women's Fellowship for the Crop Walk - Friday, October 4 from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Harvest InGathering - October 13 - November 10 - bring your pantry items to the table by the office. Checks are welcome - made out to TruNorth