

## SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

*The Bread will be taken together, and the Cup taken together as a congregation in celebration of our unity in Christ.*

**Children are invited to receive Communion at the discretion of their parents or guardians.**

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *(unison)*

**God of abundance, You bless us with more than we know. We give You thanks and praise for Your glory. Keep us focused on the welcoming love we are called to share through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN** "God of the Sparrow" #32

**\*BENEDICTION** Rev. Joel K. Boyd

**POSTLUDE** "A Joyous Acclamation" by Lani Smith Dave Howland

*Please remain seated until the conclusion of the postlude.*

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**MUSICIANS:** Dave Howland, Tim Paul, and Danny Reeves  
**LITURGIST:** Deb Hirshfield | **TECHNICIAN:** Scott Hokett | **GREETER:** Michele Fecht

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# MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



August 7, 2022  
Communion Sunday

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, August 7, 2022  
Communion Sunday

*\*Stand in body or spirit*

**PRELUDE** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" arr. by Alfred Fedak Dave Howland

*Please use this time to transition between getting here and being here.*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Rev. Joel K. Boyd

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 84:1-2, 12) *(read responsively)* Deb Hirshfield

*Leader:* How lovely is Your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

*Congregation:* **My soul longs, indeed it faints, for the courts of the LORD;**

*Leader:* my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

*Congregation:* **O LORD of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in You.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN** "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" #245

**\*INVOCATION** (based on Psalm 84:2-4) *(in unison)* Deb Hirshfield

**Lord, by the psalmist You show us how You provide for all creation. "Even the sparrow finds a home and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at Your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God. Happy are those who live in Your house, ever singing Your praise." Be with us, O God, and open our hearts to Your Word.**

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER** *(using Debts and Debtors)*

**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.**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** "Help Us Accept Each Other" #289 v. 2

*Teach us, O Lord, Your lessons, As in our daily life. We struggle to be human And search for hope and faith. Teach us to care for people, For all, not just for some, To love them as we find them, Or as they may become.*

**SCRIPTURE READING** Matthew 19:16-26 Deb Hirshfield

*Liturgist:* This is the Gospel message of our Savior.

*Congregation:* **Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**ANTHEM** "Wade in the Water" arr. by H.T. Burleigh

Tim Paul

**SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER** Rev. Joel K. Boyd

**OFFERTORY** "Let Us Break Bread Together" #524

**\*DOXOLOGY** *(sing in unison)* #563

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above ye heavn'ly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*OFFERING PRAYER** Rev. Joel K. Boyd

**SERMON SCRIPTURE READING** Jonah 1 Rev. Joel K. Boyd

*Minister:* This is the word of the Lord.

*Congregation:* **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON SERIES** *Won't You Be My Neighbor?*  
**SERMON** "Good Neighborhood" Rev. Joel K. Boyd

**THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

**INVITATION TO THE TABLE** Rev. Joel K. Boyd

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

**Compassionate God, You welcome and have mercy on all Your people. Forgive us for not being a reflection of Your love to one another and help us be better neighbors as Jesus taught us.**

*Minister:* People of God, all things are made right through Jesus. Our sins have been forgiven by God's love in Christ. Let us rejoice and give thanks.

*Congregation:* **Amen.**

**INVITATION TO THE MEAL**

*Minister:* Lift up your hearts.

*Congregation:* **We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Minister:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*Congregation:* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

**PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**