

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *(unison)*

Loving God, we give You thanks and praise for blessing us to be Your people. Fill our hearts with Your Spirit, that we may continue to encourage one another to share the love of Jesus.

***SENDING HYMN** "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" #497

***BENEDICTION** Augie Boyd

POSTLUDE "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" *trad. Spiritual* Dave Howland

MUSICIANS: Dave Howland, Sanctuary Choir and Danny Reeves
TECHNICIAN: Scott Hokett | **GREETERS:** Jan and Walt Covert
READERS: Didi Ntumba, Benj Boyd, Clara Boyd and Augie Boyd

All are invited to attend and participate in our open Leadership Orientation session during Fellowship Hour this morning. Learn more about the ins-and-outs of serving as elected Officers and members of Advisory Council, the Board of Deacons, the Board of Trustees, and more in this informal, educational leadership refresher.

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MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



February 4, 2024
All-Family & Communion Sunday | 5th Sunday after Epiphany

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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PRELUDE "We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder" *arr. by Robert Powell* Dave Howland

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Joel K. Boyd

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Minister: May the peace of the Lord be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Minister: Let us share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

CHORAL INTROIT

**Stand in body or spirit*

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (based on Acts 14:21-22) *(read responsively)* Didi Ntumba

Leader: After Paul and Barnabas proclaimed the good news in a new place, they returned to places they were already known.

Congregation: **There they strengthened the souls of the disciples and encouraged them to continue in the faith.**

***GATHERING HYMN** "Christ's Body All Are We" #493

***INVOCATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER** (based on 1 Cor. 14:1,3, *The Message*) *(in unison)* Benj Boyd

Lord, the Apostle Paul encourages us to go after a life of love as if our lives depend on it. We're called to share the talents You gave us. Most of all, we're called to teach one another about You. When we do, we help others grow and be strong and experience You with them. Be with us now as we pray as Jesus taught us:

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** "Weave" #498 (refrain only)

ANTHEM "Nearer My God to Thee" *by Georgiann H. Toole* Sanctuary Choir
(See insert for lyrics)

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Joel K. Boyd

CHORAL AMEN

OFFERTORY "In Christ There Is No East or West" #501

***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

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 1:11-12 Clara Boyd

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

CHORAL RESPONSE

ALL-FAMILY SERMON "Encouraging One Another" Rev. Joel K. Boyd

**THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION
INVITATION TO THE TABLE** Rev. Joel K. Boyd

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

God of love, You call us to share our special gifts with one another as a way to point our hearts to You, Forgive us for the times we do not do this, and keep us on the path You have put us on.

Minister: God loved the world so much that God sent Jesus to us, so that through our faith in Jesus, we are all set on the path of God's loving welcome. We are forgiven in Christ Jesus.

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 SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

*All who profess faith in Jesus Christ are welcome to receive Communion.
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.

"Nearer My God to Thee" by Georgiann H. Toole

*Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!
E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me,
still all my song shall be,
nearer, my God, to thee;
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!*

*Though like the wanderer, the sun gone down,
darkness be over me, my rest a stone;
yet in my dreams I'd be
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*Now on joyful wing cleaving the sky,
sun, moon, and stars forgot, upward I fly,
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