

*** SENDING HYMN**

“He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought” #437

BENEDICTION

Rev. Joel K. Boyd

CHORAL BENEDICTION

“God Be With You Till We Meet Again” #580

POSTLUDE:

“Journey” by Dale Wood

MUSICIANS: Dave Howland, Sanctuary Choir and Danny Reeves

TECHNICIAN: Scott Hokett | **GREETERS:** Betsy and Rich Mazurkiewicz | **LITURGIST:** Susan Brown

Flowers gracing the Meeting House this morning are given by Norm and Thelma Kubitskey in gratitude and appreciation to the Boyd family. You will be missed.

Following service, we will hold the 40th Annual Meeting of Meadowbrook Congregational Church in the Fellowship Hall.

“Crossing the Bar”

*Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea,
But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
Too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew from out the boundless deep
Turns again home.*

*Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
When I embark;
For tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place
The flood may bear me far,*

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MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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PRELUDE "Blessed Assurance" arr. by Dave Howland 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

Watchmen, tell us of the night,

What its signs of promise are.

Traveler, what a wondrous sight:

See that glory beaming star.

* Stand in body or spirit

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 9:9-11) (read responsively) Susan Brown

Leader: The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

Congregation: **Those who know Your name trust in You, for You, LORD, have never forsaken**

those who seek You.

Leader: Sing the praises of the LORD, enthroned in Zion;

Congregation: **proclaim among the nations what He has done.**

* **GATHERING HYMN** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" #19

* **INVOCATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER** (based on Heb. 12:1-3) (in unison) Susan Brown

Incarnate God, You have blessed us so that we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, that we may throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles us. Lord, give us strength to run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before Him He endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the divine throne. Fill us with the Spirit, so we may consider Jesus who endured such opposition, so that we will not grow weary and lose heart. Be with us now, Lord, 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** "Beautiful Savior" #56, v. 1

***CHURCH COVENANT** (in unison) Susan Brown

I covenant with the members of this Church that I will walk with you in all Christian faith and love, following the example of Jesus Christ, showing forth Christian teaching, keeping the sacraments, and giving materially for the advancement of the precepts and concepts of Christianity; further, that I will be loyal to the interests and objectives of this Church as long as I remain a member of it; further, that I will share its service, bear in love and cooperation its burdens, wait upon its opportunities, deepen its fellowship to the end that the will of God be done on earth as it is in heaven.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MOMENT

(Children are released to Sunday School.)

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 12:15-21 | Page #12 NT Susan Brown

Leader: This is the Gospel message of our Savior.

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

ANTHEM "Crossing the Bar" by C. H. Parry Sanctuary Choir
(See back page for lyrics)

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Joel K. Boyd

CHORAL AMEN

OFFERTORY "Take My Life and Let It Be" #349

* **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**

SERMON SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 42:1-9 | Page #670 OT Rev. Joel K. Boyd

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

CHORAL RESPONSE

Let thy word abide in us, O Lord.

SERMON "Engaging through the Word" Rev. Joel K. Boyd