

MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

As a Congregational church, Meadowbrook traces its roots to the Pilgrims. We continue to explore our faith as a people free to interpret God's Word according to the dictates of our own conscience and in mutual support and love of one another. Not bound by any one creed or statement of faith, Congregationalists are gathered around a local church covenant in which we promise to serve alongside one another as followers of Jesus Christ.



July 6, 2025

“For who has known the mind of God, who has been his counselor?”

The Apostle Paul alluding to Isaiah 40:13

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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PRELUDE

"Prayer" by Alexander Guilmant

Dave Howland

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Chris Richards

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.

**Stand in body or spirit*

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Isaiah 40, portions)

Lee Gross

Leader: The earth is the Lord's, and all who dwell in it.
Congregation: **God is the king over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.**
Leader: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for God judges the people with equity and guides the nations upon the earth.
Congregation: **O God, be gracious to us and bless us and make your face to shine upon us.**
Leader: May God's ways be known upon the earth and God's saving power among all people.

*GATHERING HYMN

“In Christ There Is No East or West” #501

*INVOCATION & THE LORD’S PRAYER

Lee Gross

Eternal God, author of liberty, we praise you this day and in this hour. Give us a spirit of freedom, that we may bring glory to your name and blessings to all people, as we follow as disciples, praying:

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 (sing twice)

“Holy Ground” #554

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE READING: Galatians 3: 26-29 | Page #189 NT

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

"Move Along" by Wayne L. Wold

Carys Rees

A TIME OF SILENCE & PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Chris Richards

OFFERTORY

“Once to Every Man and Nation” #455

*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: Mark 12: 13-17 | Page #49 NT

Rev. Chris Richards

MESSAGE

“Let Freedom Ring”

*SENDING HYMN

“My Country, 'Tis of Thee” #299

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Chris Richards

POSTLUDE

"Fanfare on 'National Hymn'" by David Schack

Dave Howland

MUSICIANS: Dave Howland and Carys Rees
GREETERS: Walt and Jan Covert | **LITURGIST:** Lee Gross

Please join us in Fellowship Hall for coffee, treats and fellowship following this morning's worship service. Hosts this morning are Paul, Susan, and Lily Brown.