

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.

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"It is God's companionship that transforms every situation."
Walter Brueggemann

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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PRELUDE

"As the Deer" by Martin Nystrom

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)

Michele Fecht

Leader: Come this day and follow Jesus, our guide and Savior!
Congregation: **He leads us beside still waters, down paths of wisdom, he restores our souls!**
Leader: Come this day and walk in faith, listening attentively to the Spirit, for as the trees whisper His name, we hear and feel God's leading!
Congregation: **May goodness and mercy sustain us and each and every life, as we follow the path in Christ together.**
Leader: Gather us together along the way of faith; a path well worn by those who came before us and in expectation for all those who will walk it someday. Let us worship the Creator of this day and the life forever.
All: **Come, let us praise God!**

*GATHERING HYMN

"Open My Eyes, That I May See" #354

*INVOCATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Michele Fecht

Eternal Lord, grant to us all the patience to wait upon You in this time of worship, that we may grow in our understanding of You and appreciate the wonders of the world You have given us. Help us walk in faith, with hope and in love, that we may lean always into Your Son, who bids us to follow and pray the prayer he taught:

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: John 10: 14-18 | Page #103 NT

Michele Fecht

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

ANTHEM

"A Clare Benediction" by John Rutter

Carys Rees-Baker

A TIME OF SILENCE & PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Chris Richards

OFFERTORY

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is" #50 v. 1, 2, 6

***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: Psalm 23 | Page #501 OT

Rev. Chris Richards

MESSAGE

"The Psalmist's Way"

*SENDING HYMN

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" #431

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Chris Richards

POSTLUDE

"Toccata on 'Lead On, O King Eternal'" by Page Long

Dave Howland

MUSICIANS: Dave Howland and Carys Rees-Baker
TECHNICIAN: Moe Elmasry **GREETER:** Margot Kincheloe | **LITURGIST:** Michele Fecht

Please join us in Fellowship Hall for coffee, treats and fellowship following this morning's worship service. Hosts this morning are Sandy Terry and Carol Riddell.