

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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August 10, 2025

“Who knows, maybe you’ve come to the Kingdom
for such a time as this?”
Esther 4:14b

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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PRELUDE

"Andante" from Impromptu No. 3 by Schubert

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

Bonnie Hyde

Leader: Come, friends, and sit with the One who cares for you and strangers alike!

Congregation: **We gather to worship the One whose lavish love has been given for all!**

Leader: Come, let us offer ourselves, that we too may pour out our lives in service and care for the world.

Congregation: **May our hearts open to the wonder and beauty of Christ's presence, as we worship in spirit and in truth.**

All: **This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad!**

*GATHERING HYMN

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" #48

*INVOCATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Bonnie Hyde

Lord, we pray longing to serve you; for in your grace given freely we give thanks. You have made us to hunger for authentic relationships, that we too may be your disciples, offering ourselves in praise and love as you mold us as your people. Following your Spirit, in worship we pour out our best lives, in praise, song, and prayer. Let us in Christ, pray together, as 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

"Lord, You Are More Precious Than Silver" #72

YOUTH MESSAGE

Rev. Chris Richards

SCRIPTURE READING: Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8 | Page #616 OT

Bonnie Hyde

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

"How Can I Keep from Singing?" arr. by Alfred V. Fedak

Cheyenne Johnson

A TIME OF SILENCE & PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Chris Richards

OFFERTORY

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

*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: Esther 4: 12-14 | Page #447 OT

Rev. Chris Richards

MESSAGE

"The Power of One"

*SENDING HYMN

"They'll Know We Are Christians" #495

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Chris Richards

POSTLUDE

"Hymn to Joy" arr. by Albert Travis

Dave Howland

MUSICIANS: Dave Howland and Cheyenne Johnson

TECHNICIAN: Moe Elmasry | GREETER: Margot Kincheloe | LITURGIST: Bonnie Hyde

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for coffee, treats and fellowship following this morning's worship service. Hosts this morning are Carol Moegelin and Michele Fecht.