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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## MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



August 24, 2025

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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**PRELUDE** "In the Garden" arr. by Vicki Wright Dave Howland

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Denise Parr

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

Congregation: And also with you.

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

\*Stand in body or spirit

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Susan Brown

Leader: Welcome to all who have come in search of something;

Congregation: We have come to seek the living God.

Leader: Happy are those who find a way to follow that path;

Congregation: We do not make this journey by ourselves.

Leader: Blessed are those who give their lives over to God.

All: In faith, in trust and with hope, let us worship God.

\*GATHERING HYMN "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" #361

## \*INVOCATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Susan Brown

Almighty God, we believe that you care for humble people who seek to follow your word. You have protected your people when they were surrounded by troubles. You have provided a way of escape in the midst of oppression. Your love never fails. Come now in this time of worship to transform us. Work within us and among us to renew our minds and build community. You are our help and our hope. We pray in Jesus' name,

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 Denise Parr

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Psalm 63: 1-4 | Page #527 OT Susan Brown

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

**ANTHEM** "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" arr. by Moses Hogan Stephanie Kanak

A TIME OF SILENCE & MORNING PRAYER Denise Parr

**OFFERTORY** "The Servant Song" #442

\*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**: Matthew 7: 7-8 | Page #7 NT Denise Parr

MESSAGE "Searching"

**\*SENDING HYMN** "Here I Am, Lord" #541

\*BENEDICTION Denise Parr

POSTLUDE "Allegro" by Domenico Zipoli Dave Howland

MUSICIANS: Dave Howland and Stephanie Kanak
TECHNICIAN: Moe Elmasry | GREETER: Yvonne Wilson | LITURGIST: Susan Brown

The flowers gracing the Meeting House this morning are given by Richard and Yvonne Wilson in celebration of their 49<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary August 28.