

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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...but emptying himself... Philippians 2: 7a

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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PRELUDE "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" (Traditional) Dave Howland

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Chris Richards

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.

CHORAL INTROIT
This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

**Stand in body or spirit*

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Michele Fecht

Leader: Creator God, how majestic is your name, let us praise You in word and song!
Congregation: **Startle us with Your presence, awakening in us an appreciation for the life we share!**

Leader: Let us bow down in humble adoration and delight in experiencing Your creative touch, that we may see through the eyes of children, friends, family, neighbors and strangers the way of following You!

All: **Now in worship we pray with one heart, praising the Lord of newness, this hour and always!**

***GATHERING HYMN** "How Majestic Is Your Name" #40

***INVOCATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER** Michele Fecht

Eternal Lord, we lean into Your Spirit and stand in awe of creation, knowing we too are called to care for our world. Recreate in us all, a respectful, thoughtful and truthful manner of being Your followers and co-creating with others through the many good gifts around us. We pray together as your Son 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** "Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place" #556

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE Rev. Chris Richards

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 123 | Page #572 OT Michele Fecht

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

ANTHEM "Down to the River to Pray" arr. Sheldon Curry Sanctuary Choir

A TIME OF SILENCE & MORNING PRAYER Rev. Chris Richards

CHORAL AMEN

OFFERTORY "You Are My All in All" #62

***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: Phillipians 2: 1-11 | Page #197 NT Rev. Chris Richards

CHORAL RESPONSE
The church from You, dear Master, received the gift divine; and still that light is lifted o'er all the earth to shine.

MESSAGE "Tossing Out Stuff!" (Making a way for mercy/humility!) Rev. Chris Richards

***SENDING HYMN** "The Old Rugged Cross" #328

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Chris Richards

POSTLUDE "How Firm a Foundation" arr. by David Cherwien Dave Howland

MUSICIANS: Dave Howland, Danny Reeves and Sanctuary Choir
TECHNICIAN: Moe Elmasry | **GREETER:** Denise Parr | **LITURGIST:** Michele Fecht

The flowers gracing the Meeting House this morning are given in memory of Janet (Dietrich) Provot by her sisters Jill Paris, Jody Scheller and Jennifer Taylor, and in memory of Mary Dietrich Benson, mother of Liz Truman and aunt to "the Dietrich girls."

Please join us in Fellowship Hall for coffee, treats and fellowship following this morning's worship service. Host is Carol Riddell.