

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.

October 12, 2025

"We look at the Son and see God's original purpose in everything created. For everything, absolutely everything above and below, visible and invisible, rank after rank of angels, everything got started in him and finds its purpose in him."

Colossians 1: 16-17 (The Message translation)

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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PRELUDE "God Loves Me Dearly" arr. by John Behnke 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

God welcomes all, strangers and friends; God's love is strong and it never ends.

**Stand in body or spirit*

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Dave Milligan

Leader: God, beyond all praising, how glorious is your name!

Congregation: **Your glory is sung by all creation, for you are the God of life.**

Leader: When we look to the heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and stars, we ask:
'who are we that you care for us and for this world?'

Congregation: **O God, our God, we gather to sing your praise!**

***GATHERING HYMN** "Great Is the Lord" #21

***INVOCATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER** Dave Milligan

Eternal Lord, on this new morning and in every moment of our lives, we give thanks for your wondrous love. We rejoice as did our ancestors, from generation to generation that we are able to freely worship in spirit and in truth. Open always our hearts to your leading, that we may be disciples of Jesus, as we 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** "As We Gather" #549

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE Rev. Chris Richards

SCRIPTURE READING: Colossians 1: 15-20 | Page #200 NT Dave Milligan

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM "Beautiful Savior" arr. by Tom Fettke Sanctuary Choir

A TIME OF SILENCE & MORNING PRAYER Rev. Chris Richards

CHORAL AMEN

OFFERTORY "For Everyone Born" arr. by Tom Trenney Stephanie Kanak

***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: I Kings 19: 11-13 | Page #302 Rev. Chris Richards

CHORAL RESPONSE

Let the words of my mouth, and my heart's meditation be acceptable to you, O God.

MESSAGE "The Sound of Silence" Rev. Chris Richards

***SENDING HYMN** "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" #39

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Chris Richards

POSTLUDE "Bridge over Troubled Water" by Paul Simon Dave Howland

MUSICIANS: Dave Howland and Sanctuary Choir
TECHNICIAN: Moe Elmasry | **GREETER:** Barbara Vanderhoff | **LITURGIST:** Dave Milligan

Please join us in Fellowship Hall immediately following worship to help make sandwiches and pack lunches for the homeless. All are welcome.

There will be a soup potluck following the lunch packing.