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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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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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PRELUDE "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" *arr. by Martha Mier* Dave Howland

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Nancy Hayes

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

I will alway give thanks, give thanks unto the Lord; his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

**Stand in body or spirit*

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 105: 1-3) *(read responsively)* Susan Brown

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord; call on His name;
Congregation: **Make known his deeds among the peoples.**
Leader: Sing to Him, sing praises to Him;
Congregation: **Tell of all his wonderful works.**
Leader: Glory in His holy name;
Congregation: **Let the hearts of those who see the Lord rejoice.**
All: **Amen.**

***GATHERING HYMN** "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" #355

***INVOCATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER** *(in unison)* Susan Brown

Loving and Most Gracious God, come near to us and hear our prayers of gratitude for all You are and all You do for us. Open our hearts and minds to truly hear Your Word. Grant us the ability to set aside our to-do lists, our worries, and our distractions and to worship You completely in this time. May we be as One in the Body of Christ as we prayer together the prayer that Jesus taught us...

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** "Give Thanks" #282

SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Chronicles 20:15-22 | Page #403 OT Susan Brown

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

ANTHEM "Give Me a Vessel" *by Myers and Pethel* Chancel Choir

A TIME OF SILENCE & MORNING PRAYER Rev. Nancy Hayes

CHORAL AMEN

OFFERTORY "Give Thanks" *arr. by Mark Hayes* Dave Howland

***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: 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26 | Page #173 Rev. Nancy Hayes

CHORAL RESPONSE
May your word be a lamp unto my feet, and a beacon for my heart.

MESSAGE "A New Word for Gratitude" Rev. Nancy Hayes

***RECESSIONAL HYMN** "Lord, You Give the Great Commission" #542

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Nancy Hayes

POSTLUDE "Now Thank We All Our God" *arr. by Michael Helman* Dave Howland

MUSICIANS: Dave Howland, Danny Reeves and Chancel Choir
TECHNICIAN: Moe Elmasry | **GREETER:** Carol Riddell | **LITURGIST:** Susan Brown

The flowers gracing the Meeting House this morning are given by Judy Burger in loving memory of Bob Burger, and by Barbara Vanderhoff in honor of Carrie Skronek, who is retiring her landscape company. Congratulations on a job well done, Carrie!

We are grateful to Rev. Nancy Hayes for filling the pulpit this morning. Please read more about Rev. Hayes on the back of today's bulletin. All are invited to join us in Fellowship Hall following worship for coffee, treats and fellowship. Thank you to Sandy Terry for hosting.