

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 "In Christ Alone" arr. by Mark Hayes Dave Howland

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Jerry Turner

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

Let all the earth in every corner sing! My God, my Lord and my King!

*Stand in body or spirit

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (in unison) (Psalm 105:1-2) (read responsively) Susan Brown

Leader: O give thanks to the LORD; call on His name; make known His deeds among the peoples.

Congregation: **Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; tell of all His wonderful works.**

***GATHERING HYMN** "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" #431

***INVOCATION** (in unison) Susan Brown

Eternal Lord, on this Sabbath 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 daily our hearts and minds to your leading, that we may be faithful disciples of Jesus, as we pray together the prayer he taught . . .

***THE LORD'S PRAYER** (using Debts and Debtors)

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: "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah" #571
(Children are released to Sunday School classrooms.)

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 23 | Page #501 OT Susan Brown

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM "Early Easter Morning" by Jennifer Kerr Breedlove Chancel Choir

A TIME OF SILENCE & MORNING PRAYER Rev. Jerry Turner

CHORAL AMEN

CALL FOR THE MORNING OFFERING Rev. Jerry Turner

OFFERTORY "Oh Jesus, I Have Promised" #367 v. 1, 2, 4

***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** Rev. Jerry Turner

SERMON SCRIPTURE READING: John 10: 1-10 | Page NT Rev. Jerry Turner

CHORAL RESPONSE:

What are you looking for? Come and see.

MESSAGE "Diversity of Interpretation" Rev. Jerry Turner

***SENDING HYMN** "In the Garden" #205

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Jerry Turner

POSTLUDE "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" arr. by James Mansfield Dave Howland

MUSICIANS: Dave Howland, Chancel Choir and Danny Reeves
TECHNICIAN: Sabrina Rosenstock **GREETER:** Carrie Skronek **LITURGIST:** Susan Brown

We are grateful to have Rev. Jerry Turner filling in the pulpit this morning. Please join us in Fellowship Hall following worship for a time of refreshment and fellowship.
Hosts this morning are Denise Pearson and Carol Moegelin.

The flowers gracing the Meeting House this morning are in celebration of Barbara Vanderhoff's special birthday from her Meadowbrook family.

We welcome the members of the Southeastern Michigan Association of Congregational Churches to Meadowbrook for the 64th SeMACC Annual Meeting.
Guest speaker this year is Dr. Kyle Roberts, Executive Director of the Congregational Library & Archives in Boston, whose presentation, "The Unfinished American Revolution," will explore the role of Congregationalists in forging a new nation. All are welcome to attend.