

***DOXOLOGY** (sing in unison) #563

**As we sing, we invite you to use whatever names and pronouns for God that are most meaningful to you.*

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**

Dr. Katelyn Brackney

MESSAGE SCRIPTURE READING:

Dr. Katelyn Brackney

Matthew 20:1-16 | Page #21 NT

MESSAGE: "The Kingdom of Heaven is ... Generous"
Dr. Katelyn Brackney

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.*

***SENDING HYMN** "For the Fruit of All Creation" #287

***BENEDICTION**

Dr. Katelyn Brackney

POSTLUDE "Grand Processional" by Dale Wood Dave Howland

MUSICIANS: Dave Howland, Danny Reeves and Chancel Choir

TECHNICIAN: Sabrina Rosenstock | **LITURGIST:** Jody Scheller

GREETER: Carol Riddell

*The flowers gracing the Meeting House this morning are given by
Dave McKillop in loving memory of Gail.*

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MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 20, 2026

Ordinary Time

PRELUDE "Wonderful Words of Life" arr. by Albin Whitworth
Dave Howland

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Dr. Katelyn Brackney

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** (read responsively) Jody Scheller

Leader: Come and worship,
you who woke early and you who slept late;

All: you who come often, and you who don't.

Leader: Whether we are first or last or somewhere in between,

All: there is room for all of us in God's kingdom,

Leader: and more than enough grace to go around.

All: Let's worship God together!

(Source: <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/09/contemporary-call-to-worship-matthew-20.html>)

***GATHERING HYMN** "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" #380

***INVOCATION (in unison)** Jody Scheller

Call all the laborers, O God,
No matter when they arrive
Call your laborers who feel wronged, who feel overlooked,
who can't feed their children with this wage,
Call those who know they are working in your fields,
Call your laborers who use their wage to increase your love, and
share your generosity

Call all your laborers, O God,
Tell us to roll up our sleeves
For we know that we have work to do.
May we find you in the work we share here and now,
And may we be attentive to the work before us as we pray:

(Adapted from: <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/09/prayer-of-invocation-matthew-201-16.html>)

***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:**

"Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place" #556

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 145:1-8 | Page #581 OT Jody Scheller

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" Chancel Choir
by George N. Allen Arr. Roy Ringwald

A TIME OF SILENCE & MORNING PRAYER Dr. Katelyn Brackney

CHORAL AMEN

CALL FOR THE MORNING OFFERING Dr. Katelyn Brackney

OFFERTORY "We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky" #260

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