

First United Methodist Church 610 E 4th Avenue Miller, SD 57362



Pastor Teresa Whetsel Ordinary Time Collin Otteson, Organist August 30, 2020

At the end of summer, I am a mix of melancholy and excitement. Holy Spirit, inspire my trust in you even as seasons and schedules change.

Welcome & Announcements

*Praise Song: "The Summons"

Opening Prayer:

God, you are made known to us in the rustling wind that blows, in the blazing fire that does not consume, in the face of the good, in the deep of the unknown. We meet you here. We accept your greeting. We welcome your inspiration. We await the change you have in store for us. Draw us in to you. Inhabit our spirits. Focus our attention. Bring us to you — you who are already with us. Help us to be as you would have us be. Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, here and everywhere, now and always. Amen.

Psalm Reading: Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b

Offering

*Doxology

Offertory Prayer:

Merciful and forgiving God, the tithes and gifts we offer to you this morning are but a small portion of the blessings we have received. The Gospels remind us that Jesus instructed us to "deny ourselves, take up our cross and follow," and yet we deny ourselves little, see the smallest of crosses as too great a burden, and follow only from a safe distance. In doing so, we cut ourselves off from deeper experiences of discipleship. Forgive us and renew our strength and discipline to walk this road with our Savior. In his holy name, we pray. Amen.

Scripture & Gospel Reading:

Romans 12:9-21 Matthew 16:21-28

Message Holding Fast

Joys/Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer:

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

*Closing Hymn "Dear Lord, Lead Me Day by Day"

*Benediction
Do all the good you can
by all the means you can,
in all the ways you can,
in all the places you can,
at all the times you can,
to all the people you can,
as long as ever you can.

In these days of "social distancing" we need to be intentional in our care for one another. Remember to pray for each other. Also phone calls and greeting cards can mean so much for those who are shut in.

Prayer List:

Ida Moser – Gerald & LaVerta Palmer - LaVerne Phillips (Huron) / - Virginia Burgher - Dorothy Fawcett - Violet Moncur – Don & Eleanor Steptoe (MGSC) /Helen Dalton (TX)

Others: Merle Bertsch- Norma Carr – Darlene Cox -Rita & Aaron Ellsworth – Steve Ellsworth - DeAnn Hargens-Arlette Heitzman - Terri Henson – Truman Patrick Howard – Kelsey Hunter—Del & Doris Jury – Jim Keeter, Sr. - Wilber Lerew – Gene & Ila Norton – Rick Norton - Lloyd Schwartz – Doug Testerman – Amber VanDerWerff Del VanZee

PLEASE contact the church or the Pastor to add or remove names from prayer list or to request a call from Pastor Teresa.

Our church is open for in-person worship. We have protocol in place to do our best to keep one another safe: seating will be socially distanced, we encourage the use of hand sanitizer, and wearing masks. If you desire not to wear a mask, you will be asked to sit in the fellowship hall. If you are not yet comfortable being in groups, please know the worship service will be livestreamed for you to worship from home. If you worship from home you will need to print off or pick up your bulletin at the church prior to Sunday.



Spare Change Sunday is today, Sunday, Aug. 30. Empty those coin jars into the buckets!

Jesus calls us to deny self and follow him in the way of the cross.

May this worship strengthen us to serve our neighbors in love.

Welcome.



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