

# A Time of Worship & Praise

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

July 7, 2024

## WE GATHER

**\*Gathering Music:** *Surely the Presence* 328

### Greeting

#### \*Call to Worship

Beloved, when our bodies feel unable and incapable, and the voices all around us disparage and criticize our bodies as weak and worthless, God call to us...

**Open your heart to your weakness and my strength**

When we persist in the false belief that we should and must do everything on our own, never asking for help and persisting in our drive for full independence, God calls to us... :

**Open your heart to your weakness and my strength.**

When we feel shame because we need help, and the deep vulnerability of our need pierces our hearts, God calls to us...

**Open your heart to your weakness and my strength.**

Listen! Pay attention! God calls to us in our weakness, not to erase our frailties or bemoan all the things society may tell us we lack, but to empower us within the vulnerability of our humanness, naming us Beloved in the fullness of who we are.

May we open our hearts in worship to receive the goodness in our weakness and the power in the strength of God's love for all of God's vulnerable creation.

Amen

#### Opening Prayer

Loving God, Who opens our hearts to the mysteries of faith in ordinary and extraordinary moments, come near to us today. Make known amount us and within us your strength, that we might experience your power that uses what the powers of this world call weakness to demonstrate your Almighty love to all creation.

**Hymn of Praise: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty** 139

## WE LISTEN

### Scripture

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Mark 6:30-34,53-56

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon:** *Our Weakness, God's Strength* Deb Eastin

**Prayer:** I am no longer my own, but yours. Put me to what you will, place me with whom you will. Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

Let me be put to work for you or set aside for you, praised for you or criticized for you.

Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing.

I freely and fully surrender all things to your glory and service. And now, O wonderful and holy God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, you are mine, and I am yours.

So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it also be made in heaven.

Amen

**Hymn:** *It is Well with My Soul* 377

## WE RESPOND

### God's Call to Prayer

**Sharing Joys & Concerns**

**The Lord's Prayer** 895

### God's Call to Share

**Offertory**

**\*Doxology** 94

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Merciful God, in this time of reflection and offering, we acknowledge our weaknesses and limitations, knowing that it is through our struggles that we learn humility and dependence on you. As we bring forth our gifts, may we also bring our vulnerabilities, trusting in your grace to transform our weaknesses into strengths for the work of your kingdom. Amen**

## WE ARE SENT

### Sharing Life Together

**\*Benediction**

**\*Hymn of Joy: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing** 400

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### VBS -Jesus' Hometown Nazareth - NEW DATE: Jul 28-31, 5:30-7:30 pm

Supper starts at 5:30 pm, followed by all the VBS activities until 7:30 pm.

Register today on our Facebook page (EmmetsburgFUMC)!

If you can help any of these evenings, let Jodi Ward know for crew leaders or Sarah S know for the kitchen.

### Disaster Relief

As you can imagine, the Clean Up Bucket stock at Midwest Missions is depleted—they sent a truck of nearly 500 buckets to Spencer & Rock Valley this week. So, we will continue to collect Clean Up Bucket supplies ALL SUMMER. See the shopping list in your bulletin.

Also, if you want to contribute non-perishables, hygiene supplies & diapers to Upper Des Moines Opportunity and/or the Stork Closet, you can put them in our shopping cart and then will be delivered every couple weeks. Try to stay up-to-date with their needs via Facebook.

If you can help with clean up, be sure to check first. Sometimes the number of volunteers can be overwhelming.

### Coming Up

- ◆ **Mon, Jul 8:** Card Club, 12 pm; Horizons, 1 pm
- ◆ **Tues, Jul 9:** Card Club 12 pm; Bible Study, 1:30 pm
- ◆ **Wed, Jul 10:** Coffee, 3 pm
- ◆ **Thurs, Jul 11:** Horizon's 1 pm; AA 7:30 pm
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| Worship Stewards | Today                        | Next Week                      |
|------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Liturgist        | Danielle Ditch               | Sarah Frederick                |
| AV               | Ditch family                 | Anderson family                |
| Livestream       | Paxton Duhn                  | Jodi Ward                      |
| Counters/Ushers  | Karen Sargent & Shayne Kogel | Cal Christensen & Steve Hoyman |

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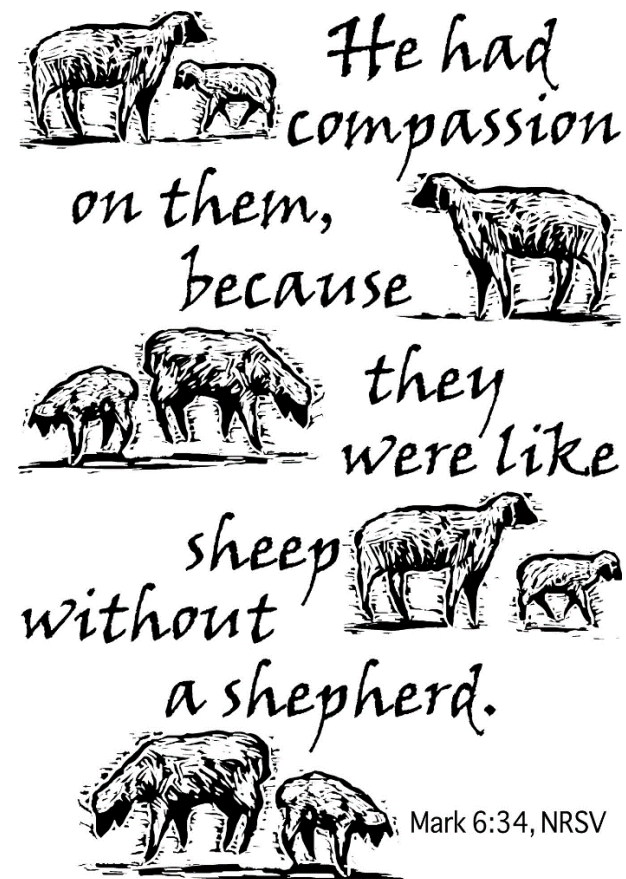
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Mark 6:34, NRSV

July 7, 2024 – 10:00 am