



HEAR, O ISRAEL

October 8, 2023

OPENING TO GOD'S PRESENCE

*The chime is rung as a call to set aside distractions to find rest in God,
whose love invites and welcomes us here.*

Prelude

Welcome

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: From generation to generation,

All: our God is the Lord.

One: For our ancestors, yes, and also for us, here, today,

All: our God is the Lord.

One: In the stories of old, and the story we are still living,

All: our God is the Lord.

One: Listen – not just with your ears but with your whole self:

**All: our God is the Lord,
and we will love God with all our being.**

HYMN Come Away From Rush and Hurry VT 9

Passing the Peace & Fellowship Greeting

TELLING GOD'S STORY

HYMN O God, We Read the Holy Law VT 571

Scripture Reading *Deuteronomy 5:1- 21; 6:4-9; Mark 12:28-31*

Children's Time

HYMN *Be Still and Know* VT 37

Sermon

Music for Meditation

SHARING OUR STORIES

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Generosity Moment – Hutchinson Refugee Project

Announcements

LIVING GODS' STORY

HYMN *Renew Your Church* VT 717

Benediction

Postlude ... *receive the postlude as a musical blessing*

If you need a hearing assist device, please ask at the sound booth in the back of the sanctuary. The Nursery is staffed with a volunteer care provider during worship (and Sunday School as needed). Children are also welcome to remain in the sanctuary! Worship bags with drawing/coloring materials are provided at the back of the sanctuary.

If you'd like to be added to our all church email list to receive prayer requests and announcements (typically 2 emails/week), please contact the church office or Pastor Tonya.

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*Call to Worship and Benediction written for BibleWorm by Rev. Teri Peterson (used with permission)

Sound: Adam Pounds
Livestream: Joel Iwashige
Ushers: Russ Wedel & Diane Ziemer
Nursery: Russell & Julie Goering
Organist: Pauline Buller
Worship Leader: Don Wiens
Children's Time: Susan Combs
Scripture Readers: Cheryl Warkentin, Marlene Thode
Sermon: Pastor Tonya Ramer Wenger

Welcome!

We are so glad you all are here!!

The Christ Candle and Peace Lamp are lit each Sunday as a visible sign of our trust in God's presence-with-us, and our commitment to allow the peace of Christ to grow and rule in our hearts, minds and lives.

Your offerings are received, with gratitude, in the offering box on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

You can also now donate electronically on our website.

Thank you for your generosity shown in many ways!

TODAY: Fellowship Time after worship & Sunday School @ 11:00

Sunday School classes for all ages

- **CHILDREN (all ages + nursery care):** *Becoming A People of God*
- **ADULT BIBLE STUDY:** Salt and Light Bible Study
- **ADULT DISCUSSION CLASS:** *"Inside Out"* Spiritual Formation Study
- **YOUNGER ADULTS CLASS:** meets in the library

WNAF Begins Oct 11 - Focus on Humanity: Voices of Local Impact

Our fall Wednesday Nights at First (WNAF) session will be held

October 11, 18, 25, November 1 and 8.

5:30-6:20 Dinner // 6:30-7:30 Adult Program (+ children's activities)

This Wednesday (10/11) we'll hear from *Et Cetera and Builder's Bargains* about their impact in our community. ***We rely on your donations to cover the cost of meals and providing honorariums to our speakers – thanks for your generosity!***

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- **TODAY** – Safe Sanctuary Training @ noon
- **October 9** – Craft Night @ 6:30 in the fellowship hall
- **October 11** – WNAF (Wednesday Night @ First) begins
- **October 14** – Bethel College Fall Fest
- **October 29** – FMC's Budget Meeting (10:55am)
- **October 30-31** – MCC Meat Canner – N. Newton MCC Center
- **October 31** – Donuts on the Lawn
- **November 15** – We'll Leave Our Lights On (community food drive)
- **December 3** – FMC'S Annual Meeting, with Silent Auction and Lunch



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