



Church at Thessalonica

*The good news of God's love
turns the world upside down.*

April 28, 2024

GATHERED INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude ... the chime is rung as a call to attend to God's presence

Opening Sentence: 1 Thess. 1:2

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

CALL TO WORSHIP*

One: Grace to you, and peace in the name of God our Maker and Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Grace to you, and peace.
We give thanks to God for you!

One: Together, we come to learn from the Spirit and each other

All: and to pass on what we have heard,
so together we may grow in Christlikeness.

One: We are one link in the chain, one ripple moving outward,

All: embodying our faith
so all may see and know God's love.

Opening Prayer*

HYMN *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* VT 103
Passing the Peace & Fellowship Greeting

LISTENING TO GOD'S STORY IN SCRIPTURE

HYMN *Could It Be That God is Singing* VT 42
Children's Time

Scripture Reading *Acts 17:1-9; 1 Thess 1:1-10*
HYMN *God, Be the Love* VT 43

Sermon
Music for Meditation

SHARING OUR STORIES

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer
Announcements

FOLLOWING CHRIST, WHO GOES BEFORE US

HYMN *As You Go Out From Here* VT 841
Benediction*
Postlude *Rise Up With Him* (by Janet Vogt)
... 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 typically 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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* These words for worship written for BibleWorm by Rev. Teri Peterson.

Sound: Earl Ediger
Livestream: Jonathan Wenger
Ushers: Dennis & Jennalee Boggs
Nursery: Tanya Martin Nisly
Musicians: Peggy Stucky, Gardell Stucky
Worship Leader: Maggie Pounds
Scripture Reader: Jean Gaeddert
Children's Time: Jennalee Boggs
Song Leader: Pastor Tonya Ramer Wenger
Sermon: Pastor Jim Unruh

Welcome!

We are so glad you are here!

*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 with drinks in the Common Grounds room after worship.
Sunday School for all ages beginning at 11:00am.

MAY 5 WORSHIP:

May 5 will be an opportunity to learn more about our upcoming weekend out at Camp Mennoscah (Saturday June 15 and Sunday June 16) and to invite donations to help fund that time together. Continuing to have a "Camp Mennoscah Weekend" is one way we support the camp, provide opportunity for fellowship and fun at camp! Setting aside the first Sunday in May to highlight this event also brings a little bit of camp into our sanctuary in Hutchinson for everyone.

LOOKING AHEAD:

May 13 – Craft Night 6:30-8:00pm.
May 19 – Pentecost, communion will be observed
May 25 – FMC serves at the Soup Kitchen – sign up to prepare food, serve the meal and clean up, and make deliveries.

NEW OPPORTUNITIES for CREATION CARE:

1. MCC in North Newton is recycling soft plastics (*plastic bags, bread bags, any plastic packaging that you can stretch*). Plastics must be clean, dry and free of food waste. **A basket under the table in the foyer at FMC is designated to receive your recyclables.**

2. Recycle e-waste at Sanford's Computer Works in Hutchinson! Recycled electronics are: *cell phones, I-pads, computers, calculators, power activated tools with batteries (building tools, garden tools), stereo systems, DVD players, video game players, flat screen TV's, microwaves.* Take your items to Sanford's Computer Works at 20 S. Main (open Monday-Friday 9am-6pm) where they will be taken apart, recycled, and reused.



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Arms Wide Open: To Serve & Be Served

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