



# **MORNING WORSHIP CELEBRATION** **EARLY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

*Sunday, July 14, 2024*

*Worship Leader: Pastor Nancy Peterson*

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A joyous welcome to each of you! We count your presence at worship as a blessing. May the grace of God dwell in us all. Lift up your hearts unto the Lord.

MUSIC FOR GATHERING:

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE:

**\*ENTRANCE HYMN:**      *“All Glory, Laud and Honor”*

*UMH 280*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**CENTERING WORDS:**      **May our lives be an honor and glory to God, who is our hope and our salvation.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**      The earth is God’s and everything in it.  
**We belong to our God.**  
Lift up your voices in praise and thanksgiving.  
**We lift our voices in glory and honor to God.**

**OPENING PRAYER:**      **God of grace and glory, renew us with your presence this day. As we gather to bless your name and sing your praise, bless us with your glorious love and your guiding light. Strengthen us each and every hour, through the power of your Holy Spirit and the wisdom of your holy word. In hope and joy, we pray. Amen.**

**\*HYMN:**      *“Stand Up and Bless the Lord”*

*UMH 662*

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESION:**      **Gracious God, pour out your mercy on us. Where there is despair, fill us with hope. Where there is sorrow, fill us with comfort. Where there is sin, fill us with forgiveness. Where there is hatred, fill us with love. Where there is worry, fill us with assurance. Gather us in the arms of your grace and glory that we may reflect your glory with honor and praise all the days of our lives. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

**\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE:**      God, who saves, is amongst us now: filling our lives with grace, forgiving us and making us one, perfecting all of creation, through the mercy of God’s steadfast love.

**SCRIPTURE READING:**      Old Testament Reading: 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19  
New Testament Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14  
\*Gospel Reading: Mark 6:14-29

L: This is the Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSE:**      “Thy Word” (refrain only)

*UMH 601*

## CHILDREN'S TIME:

**MESSAGE:** **What is your heart singing?** Pastor Nancy

**RESPONSE:** Invited to be an honor to God's glory,  
**We can become reflections of God's glorious love and grace.**  
Invited to sing praise to God's glory,  
**We can become voices of God's hope for all the world.**

**HYMN:** **"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"** TFWS 2207  
SHARING OF OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS:  
SILENT PRAYER...PASTORAL PRAYER...LORD'S PRAYER

## OFFERING:

\*DOXOLOGY

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION:** **Glorious God, we thank you for trusting us to reflect your glory. For claiming us as your own with all of creation, we give you thanks and praise. As you receive these gifts and offerings, receive us also. Blessing all together, that our gifts and our lives might be a blessing that honors and glorifies you. And all of God's kids said, Amen.**

**\*BENEDICTION:** Brilliant children of light, go now to shine with God's glory and love.  
**We will shine brightly and love freely.**  
Honor God with all that you say and do.  
**We will make the world a better and a brighter place for all to live.**  
Go in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**\*BENEDICTORY RESPONSE:** **"Blessed Assurance"** **UMH 369**

## \*POSTLUDE:

*\*Those who are able are invited to stand. **Bold Type** for people's participation*

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

July 14 – Katie Ehrp  
July 15 – Megan Domino  
July 17 – Devin Mentzer  
July 17 – Jill (Carstensen) Hayden  
July 18 – Justin & Lacy Mason – Anniversary  
July 20 – Ross Mentzer

**FLOOD RELIEF:** PRAY. GIVE to Special Advance #223. MAKE clean-up buckets. VOLUNTEER when needed. REACH-OUT to those affected. More info:  
<https://www.iaumc.org/newsdetail/18414619>

**100 People Who Care Sac County:** Meeting at 4 pm today in Furrow Hall! Join the group and make a difference!

**LAY SPEAKING COURSES:** July 27, 2024, 8 am - 4 pm at Storm Lake UMC, 211 East 3rd St  
Lunch provided, free-will offering. **Basic Course** taught by Rev. Kiboko Kiboko: Please order and read: Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course. ISBN 8-0-88177-626-3 thru Cokesbury or The Upper Room. **Advanced Course: Methodist Polity** taught by Chaplain Melanie Hauser: Please order and read two books - Life Together in the United Methodist Connection by Beth Galbreath (ISBN 978-0-88177-701-7) thru Cokesbury or The Upper Room and The Method of our Mission by Lacey C. Warner (ISBN 978-1-4267-6717-3) thru Cokesbury or The Upper Room. To register: <https://iaumc-reg.brtapp.com/httpsiaumcbrtappcomregistrationsbuild35371>