

UPCOMING EVENTS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mon, Aug 26th 6:30 pm
Lay Leadership / Nominating
Committee meeting.

Tues, Aug 27th 6:30 pm
Parents of Elementary
Students & Education
Committee meeting to plan
our fall ministry for children.

Wed, Aug 28th 6:30 pm
Last of our Wednesday night
worship services for summer.
Family Suppers,
Contemporary Worship,
Confirmation & Classes for all
ages begin on Wed, Sept 4th.

Sunday, Sept 1st
Liturgist: Ron Fox
Accompanist: Staci Thompson
Greeters: Mary Ochs,
Betty Fenske
Ushers: Diana Porter, Audrey
Brod, AB Russ, Ray Wigern

Wed, Sept 4th 6:30 pm
Choir Rehearsal

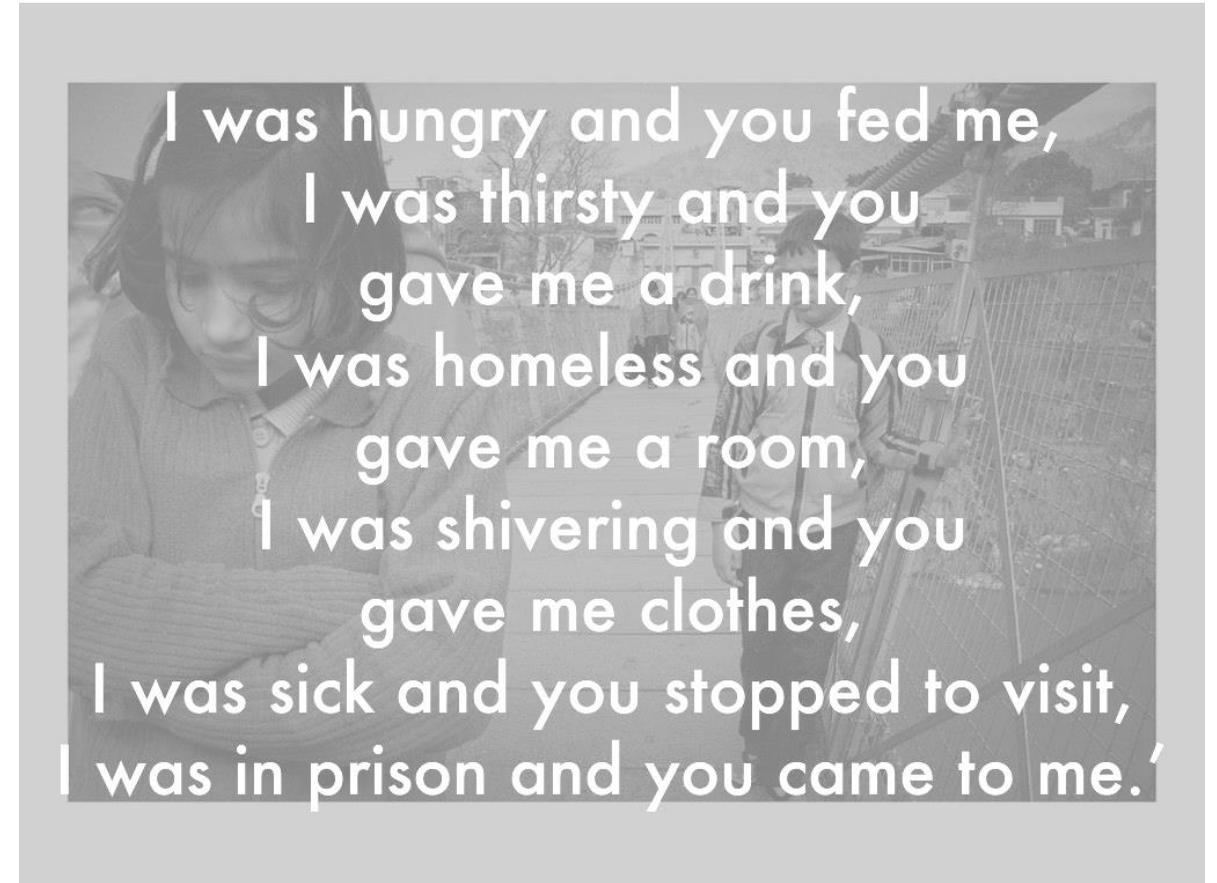
Technology: David Sparks
Liturgist: Doug Richards
Accompanist: Gail Keck
Greeters: Jean Nelson, Betty Fenske
Ushers: Daryl & Judy Murray, Tim & Jodie Murray

**This morning's Hope Radio Broadcast on KBEW, 1560 AM, is sponsored
by Barb Hanson in honor of her and JR's 45th anniversary.**

**During August, the Mission Committee will be collecting items
for school kits.** They will be used locally, nationally, and
internationally. There will be a basket and bulletin board with the
items we will be needing. Cash donations are always welcome.
Just note on your check that it is for School Kits. One or two
items from each of us will make a major impact.

The **Lord's Acre** signup sheet is now up on the bulletin board in
the Narthex. Together, we can do great things! Those who are
willing to pledge the income from one acre of crop or rent from
this 2019 year, sign up as a Farmer. Those who are willing to
pledge \$70 under a Farmer's name, sign up as a Renter. These
contributions can be placed in the offering plate – memo line
“Lord's Acre”. This past year, we aimed the collected funds to our
Christmas Cantata music, Riverside Cemetery, Habitat for
Humanity-Faribault County and our Midwest Mission Distribution
Center. Thank you to all who so graciously give to help those who
are in need.

Please keep Gail Keck in your prayers as she will be traveling to
Sierra Leone on a Medical Mission Trip September 9th-22nd,
2019. Gail has paid her own way, so any money donated will go
to Africa Uplifted to be used for their ongoing projects. **Africa
Uplifted** is a charity whose mission is to enrich the lives of the
people of Sierra Leone by promoting basic wellness, removing
barriers to education, satisfying essential physical needs, nurturing
spiritual development, and creating economic opportunities. You
can find much more about Africa Uplifted at their website at
www.africauplifted.org. If you'd like to assist in monetary
donations for Sierra Leone please put “Africa Uplifted” in your
check memo in Sunday's offering.



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Church office hours are 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM; Tuesday & Thursday

Worship Celebration for August 25, 2019

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

***Greet One Another**

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Welcome, people of God. Are you ready to worship?

People: We are ready to hear God's Word and be challenged.

Leader: When God's Spirit starts moving, lives can be transformed.

We may be called to something unexpected that will stretch us.

People: Then let us be stretched because we want to be God's hands and God's feet, making a difference for good in our community and world.

Leader: To serve a world in need takes courage and compassion and a willingness to let go of prejudice and judgmental attitudes.

People: With God's help, we follow the example of Jesus and reach out to others with unconditional love to feed the hungry, visit the imprisoned, clothe the naked, and care for the sick.

***Opening Prayer** *Let all pray in silence.*

***Song of Praise** *The Faith We Sing #2173 "Shine, Jesus, Shine"*

Old Testament Reading *Micah 6:1-8*

Song of Commitment *Hymn #581 "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service"*

Unison Congregational Prayer

Lord, every day we see you hungry. May we feed you.

We see you thirsty. May we give you something to drink.

We see you a stranger. May we invite you in.

We see you naked. May we clothe you.

We see you sick. May we look after you.

We see you in prison. May we visit you.

For we know that whatever we do to our brothers and sisters, even those considered "the least of these" by this world, we do unto you, O Lord. Amen.

Sharing of Joys & Prayer Requests

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Children's Message *Pastor Russ*

Gathering Song – Hymn #585 "This Little Light of Mine" Verse 1

Unison Offertory Prayer

Bless, O Lord, these our gifts. Help us to use them in ways that glorify your name, life up your children, and work for the building of your Kingdom. Let us never tire of serving our brothers and sisters, so that this church may truly be your body in your world. Amen.

Offering Song *"Do Something" Matthew West*

***The Doxology**

New Testament Reading *John 13:1-5, 12-17, 34-35*

Message & Mission Updates

***Response** *Hymn #593 "Here I Am, Lord"*

***Benediction** *A Franciscan Benediction*

May God bless us with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships, so that we may live deep within our hearts.

May God bless us with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that we may work for justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless us with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war, so that we may reach out our hands to comfort them and turn their pain into joy.

And may God bless us with enough foolishness to believe that we can make a difference in this world, so that we can do what others claim cannot be done.