

Birthdays

21 Sherri Harris

22 Kent Baker

23 Kyan Schultzen

24 Larry Etler

Willa Manker

Mary Lou Tabke

26 Susan Hunting

Lacey Stubbs

Anniversaries

23 Brad & Gloria Koele

Welcome & Announcements

***Opening Songs** More Precious than Silver #2065

Lord, You are more precious than silver.
Lord, You are more costly than gold.
Lord, You are more beautiful than diamonds,
and nothing I desire compares with You.

***Opening Songs** I Have Decided to Follow Jesus #2129

I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
No turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me;
The world behind me, the cross before me;
The world behind me, the cross before me;
No turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, still I will follow;
Though none go with me, still I will follow;
Though none go with me, still I will follow;
No turning back, no turning back.

***Call to Worship**

Choose this day whom you will serve;

AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE, WE WILL SERVE THE LORD.

The Lord our God we will serve,

AND GOD'S VOICE WE WILL OBEY.

Congregational Prayer (in unison)

Almighty God, look mercifully upon your people and by your great goodness preserve us in our faith. Teach us your way that we may walk in your truth. Unite our hearts in respect for your name. We praise you with our whole heart and glorify your name because your mercy toward us is great through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

***Hymn** God of Love and God of Power #578

God of love and God of power,
grant us in this burning hour
grace to ask these gifts of thee,
daring hearts and spirits free.
God of love and God of power,
thou hast called us for this hour.

We are not the first to be
banished by our fears from thee;
give us courage, let us hear
heaven's trumpets ringing clear.
God of love and God of power,
thou hast called us for this hour.

All our lives belong to thee,
thou our final loyalty;
slaves are we whenever we share
that devotion anywhere.
God of love and God of power,
thou hast called us for this hour.

God of love and God of power,
make us worthy of this hour;
offering lives if it's thy will,
keeping free our spirits still.
God of love and God of power,
thou hast called us for this hour.

Scripture John 12: 20-26

20 Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Gentiles. 21 They approached Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him. "Sir, we should like to see Jesus." 22 Philip went and told Andrew, and the two of them went to tell Jesus. 23 Jesus replied: "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. 24 In very truth I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains that and nothing more; but if it dies, it bears a rich harvest. 25 Whoever loves himself is lost, but he who hates himself in this world will be kept safe for eternal life. 26 If anyone is to serve me, he must follow me; where I am, there will my servant be. Whoever serves me will be honored by the Father.

The Word of God for the people of God.

THANKS BE TO GOD.

Words of Preparation

Message "Stopping at the Mediocre Inn"

Pastoral Prayer

***Hymn** Take Up the Cross #415

Take up thy cross, the Savior said,
if thou wouldst my disciple be;
deny thyself, the world forsake,
and humbly follow after me.

Take up thy cross, let not its weight
fill thy weak spirit with alarm;
his strength shall bear thy spirit up,
and brace thy heart and nerve thine arm.

Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame,
nor let thy foolish pride rebel;
thy Lord for thee the cross endured,
to save thy soul from death and hell.

Take up thy cross and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for only those who bear the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.

***Benediction & Dismissal**

