

Congregation:
*Stand as you are
able in body or spirit.



Our Mission: To serve and unite those we touch with the Grace of God.

Our Vision: Transforming lives to become the heart, hands, and feet of Jesus in the world.

October 10, 2021

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 a.m. Service

Prelude

DAKOTA BRASS

“Glory Be to Thee”
“Just a Closer Walk With Three”
“Amazing Grace”
“Lift High the Cross”

**Sermon
Series:
Courageous**



Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship** Using *THE FAITH WE SING*, p. 2036, “Give Thanks”

One: Whenever we feel alone, forgotten, alienated, Jesus reaches out to us to lift us from our fears and loneliness. Our weakness is turned to strength by Jesus’ healing touch.

All: Our lives rest in the power and love of Jesus. Even though times may get difficult, Jesus is with us, offering hope and power.

Choir: singing “Give Thanks” verse 2

One: May our hearts be filled with love and strength as we respond to God’s awesome love for us.

All: May our spirits soar as we are lifted from our anguish to pinnacles of hope through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: singing “Give Thanks” through one time

Opening Hymn

“God of the Ages”

Dakota Brass with Choir

Prayer of Confession *Unison*

Creator God, forgive our moments of ingratitude, the spiritual blindness that prevents us from appreciating the wonder that is this world, the endless cycle of nature, of life and death and rebirth. Forgive us for taking without giving reaping without sowing. Open our eyes to see our lips to praise our hands to share and may our feet tread lightly on the road.

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **All: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

Special Music

“God Bless America”

Dakota Brass

Scripture

Philippians 1:2-12

Paul and Timothy, both of us committed servants of Christ Jesus, write this letter to all the followers of Jesus in Philippi, pastors and ministers included. We greet you with the grace and peace that comes from God our Father and our Master, Jesus Christ.

Every time you cross my mind, I break out in exclamations of thanks to God. Each exclamation is a trigger to prayer. I find myself praying for you with a glad heart. I am so pleased that you have continued on in this with us, believing and proclaiming God’s Message, from the day you heard it right up to the present. There has never been the slightest doubt in my mind that the God who started this great work in you would keep at it and bring it to a flourishing finish on the very day Christ Jesus appears.

It’s not at all fanciful for me to think this way about you. My prayers and hopes have deep roots in reality. You have, after all, stuck with me all the way from the time I was thrown in jail, put on trial, and came out of it in one piece. All along you have experienced with me the most generous help from God. He knows how much I love and miss you these days. Sometimes I think I feel as strongly about you as Christ does!

So this is my prayer: that your love will flourish and that you will not only love much but well. Learn to love appropriately. You need to use your head and test your feelings so that your love is sincere and intelligent, not sentimental gush. Live a lover's life, circumspect and exemplary, a life Jesus will be proud of bountiful in fruits from the soul, making Jesus Christ attractive to all, getting everyone involved in the glory and praise of God.

I want to report to you, friends, that my imprisonment here has had the opposite of its intended effect. Instead of being squelched, the Message has actually prospered. All the soldiers here, and everyone else, too, found out that I'm in jail because of this Messiah. That piqued their curiosity, and now they've learned all about him. Not only that, but most of the followers of Jesus here

Message

“Courage to be Gracious”

Rev. Amanda Lunemann

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Prayer *Unison*

Blessed God, you have called us to contribute to the needs of the saints and to extend hospitality to strangers. Hallow these gifts that they may be a blessing to many in your name. Amen.

Offertory Music

“Variations on Maitland”

Dakota Brass

***Doxology – Hymn #94** *Projected*

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION



The Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give our thanks and praise to the Lord our God. **All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Sanctus *Unison*

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord. God of power and might. Heav'n and Earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the Highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Lord's Prayer *Unison*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Giving the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion *Unison*

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your spirit to give ourselves for others. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

***Blessing and Benediction**

***Song of Peace** *Projected*

Postlude

“When the Saints Go Marching In”

Dakota Brass

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