

***CLOSING HYMN #721** “Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “YE HOLY ANGELS BRIGHT”

FRANKLIN RITTER
BELINDA VAIR

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- + Our **Mission of the Month** is for the **Veterans**.
- + **Free Community Lunch** will be Saturday, August 29 11:00 – 1:00 PM.
- + **Stitches & Giggles** is Wednesday evenings, 6:00 – 8:00 PM.
- + Please join us at the **Annual Ice Cream Social** on Monday, August 10!
- + We are hosting the **InterFaith Council Bible Study** on Tuesday, August 11, 6:30 – 8:00 PM. We are reading the book of Job.
- + Thank you to the Building and Grounds Committee for providing us with this morning’s coffee hour.

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WORDS TO PONDER

“As human beings, our job in life is to help people realize how rare and valuable each one of us really is, that each of us has something that no one else has- or ever will have- something inside that is unique to all time. it's our job to encourage each other to discover that uniqueness and to provide ways of developing its expression.” – **Fred Rogers**

PRELUDE “Won’t You Be My Neighbor”

FRED ROGERS
BELINDA VAIR

CHORAL INTROIT

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR SPIRIT)

Leader: Come into this place where God welcomes us with gentleness and joy.

People: We come as neighbors, strangers, friends, and seekers, all beloved by God.

Leader: In a world that moves too fast, God invites us to slow down, breathe, and be present.

People: We come to remember that every person is precious, every story sacred.

Leader: “Won’t you be my neighbor?” is not just a question — it is a calling.

People: We gather to learn again how to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Leader: Let us worship the One who meets us just as we are — and loves us into who we can become.

All: With open hearts and hopeful spirits, we worship God together.

***OPENING HYMN #203** “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

INVITATION TO GRATITUDE

UNISON PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

All: Gracious God, thank you for loving us just the way we are. Thank you for the neighbors who have cared for us, encouraged us, and reminded us that we are special and beloved. Thank you for the helpers who show up in small and surprising ways, repairing the world with kindness.

Help us to notice your presence in ordinary moments; to honor the feelings you have given us, and to share your compassion with others. Make us grateful people, gentle in spirit, generous in love, and courageous in hope. Amen.

BLESSING OF GRATITUDE

***GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
World without end, amen! Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Leader: Faithful God,

Inspire us by your Holy Spirit that the words we read on the page might become living words in our hearts and lives as we encounter the grace, love and peace of Jesus Christ. Amen

SCRIPTURE READING

HELEN THOMPSON

Leviticus 19:33–34 (Pew Bible Page #197)
Luke 10:25–37 (Pew Bible Page #71)

Leader: This is the word of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM “Morning Has Broken”

ARR. BY CAT STEVENS

PASTORAL PRAYER

SERMON

“Won’t You Be My Neighbor...Still?”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS)

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 debts as we forgive our debtors and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.