

LET US WORSHIP GOD

4/28/24

JOYS & CONCERNS

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Centering Music

STORY TELLING: Acts 8:26-40

CHILDRENS TIME

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come, let us gather together in the presence of our God,

P: The God who guides us on unexpected journeys,

L: The God who invites all to come and see,

P: The God who reveals Himself in the Scriptures and in the waters of baptism.

***HYMN:** O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing
Red Hymnal #57

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (unison)

Gracious and loving God, we confess that we often fail to recognize Your guiding hand in our lives. We sometimes struggle to understand Your Word and to see how it applies to our lives today. Forgive us, Lord, and renew a right spirit within us. Open our eyes to see the opportunities You place before us to share Your love and give us the courage to step out in faith, trusting in Your promises and Your provision. We thank You, Lord, for Your grace and mercy that never fails, and for Your patient guidance that leads us back to You. In Jesus' name, Amen.....(*silent personal confession*)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SHARING PEACE

God has received us, pardoned us and loved us; let us forgive each other in love and share the peace of Christ. Peace be with you.

A: And also with you.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, as we gather in Your presence today to hear Your Word, we pray that You would illuminate our hearts and minds. Open our ears to hear Your voice, our minds to understand Your Word, and our hearts to receive Your truth. Amen

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

John 15:1-8

MESSAGE : Following in Jesus' Footsteps

***HYMN:** slides

OFFERING

Doxology (unison)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Gracious and loving God, we come before You with hearts full of gratitude and praise. We thank You for Your constant presence in our lives, for Your guidance that leads us on unexpected journeys and opens our eyes to opportunities to share Your love with others. May our hearts overflow with thanksgiving and praise for all that You have done, and all that You continue to do in our lives and in the world. In Jesus' name, Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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

***HYMN:** Here I Am Lord

Red Hymnal #593

*CHARGE/BENEDICTION

Departing Music

NEW PASSING THE PEACE OBSERVANCE

*Due to entering the season of sickness, we ask that we pass the peace by not touching anyone; please stay seated, nod, and verbally wish peace to those near to you

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Contemporary Service every Thursday @ 6:30 pm

TOPS group meets every Tuesday @ 5:15

*Please join us in Adult Sunday school- Sundays at 9:45 am

Bible Study for Beginners @ 9:45 am

Choir practice each Sunday at 10 am- Please join us!

5/5- Youth Grp Hot Dog Lunch Fundraiser

5/8- Leadership Meeting @ 6 pm

5/9- Free Meal 5:30-5:15 or until gone

5/12- Mothers Day

5/15-Community Dinner "Kick Off Meal"

5/18-Card Making with Betty Green-2-3:30

5/19-Communicants Confirmation & Coffee Hour

5/19-Pentecost

4/28-5/4 **Pastor Leigh will be on vacation**

Donations for the 50th anniversary cake decorations are now being taken. Donation slips are located at both entries and at the church office.

Do we have your email address? Please contact the office if you would like to share it with us.

TODAYS VOLUNTEERS:

RAMP: Pat Hemminger **FRONT:** Betty Green

LAY READER: Frank Van Nostrand

ACOLYTE: Eric & Genevieve Brown

USHERS: Linda K & Betty

OFFICE HOURS:

MON-THURS. 8:30-2PM

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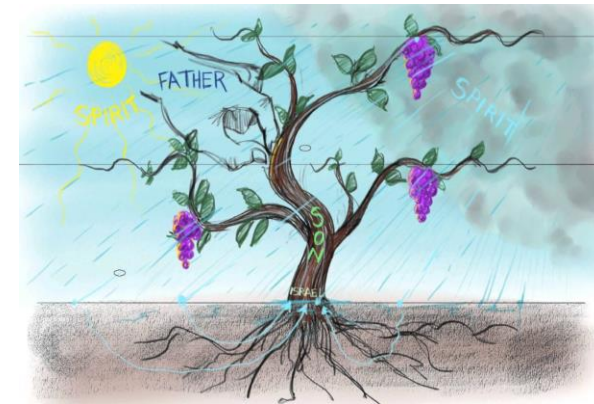
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: "The Church is the Church only when it exists for others... not dominating, but helping and serving."

Dietrich Bonhoeffer



The United Church of Phelps reaches out and welcomes all people so they may worship God passionately, become people of prayer, develop a deep faith, demonstrate faith through service and share their faith."