



September 8, 2024

“Repairing the cracks in the foundation of our ethic for life requires both compassion and justice. Compassion is about lifting our neighbor out of the ditch; justice is about doing something about why they ended up in the ditch to begin with.”

Shane Claiborne

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Prelude

Welcome

Reverend Ed Hoener

Call To Worship:

Jesus, Your love and mercy is perpetually, and freely given. **You accept us completely, just as we are.** Jesus, You gently, shoulder our burdens with us. **You help us to find peace and strength in Your Spirit.** Spirit of grace, every day, You help us to live faithfully. **You fill our hearts with love and peace.**

***Hymn of Praise #31**

Let Us with a Gladsome Mind

Call to Reconciliation

Prayer of Reconciliation:

Holy God, You love us so deeply, especially when life is difficult. Your mercy prompts You to forgive us and heal our hearts. Help us to surrender our lives to You. Through Your Spirit, renew us in faith and love for goodness' sake. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Reflection

Assurance of Grace:

In Christ, we can walk by the light of the Spirit. **With God by our side, we can make our way through whatever life brings.**

***Response of Praise**

Oh, I know the Lord, I know the Lord, I know the Lord's laid his hands on me.
(repeat)

Sharing the Peace of Christ:

We come to Christ, who is the source of true peace. **He is the one whose love lights the way to shalom.** May his light guide us to seek the things that make for peace. **May the peace of Christ be with us, and within us, now and always!**
(We share the peace of Christ with each other.)

Ministry of Music

Scripture Reading

James 2:1-10; 14-17

Message

Pastor Ed

***Hymn of Faith #300**

We are One in the Spirit

vss. 1-3

*If you can stand comfortably, please do so.

Celebrating Passion Enterprises

Now is a time to share something that happened, or that touched someone and made a difference in some way. Please come to the lectern so that everyone may see and hear.

Prayers of the People

The 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 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. Amen.

Call to Offering

***Offering Song #710**

We are an Offering

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are Yours, we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to You, we give to You. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an offering, we are an offering.

***Prayer of Dedication**

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***Hymn of Response #692**

Spirit, Open My Heart

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

*If you can stand comfortably, please do so.

Announcements

Thank you to today's technicians running the camera & slideshow!

Be a part of our Worship Support Team! For more info ask the pastor, the technicians, or call the church office.

Would you Like a Visit From Our Pastor:

Our pastor would love to come and see you! Anyone who would like a visit, or Home Communion, is invited to call pastor Ed directly or via email. Your call will be returned right away to schedule a time! Peace and Blessings to you!

Upcoming Events/Save the Dates (more detailed information during the slideshow announcements):

The Chosen View/Discuss - Today, 12noon @ the Manse

Spirituality Book Study at the Manse- Sept. 21

Flea Market Set Up After Worship - Sept. 22

Annual Fall Flea Market - Sept. 28

Mini Flea Market - Oct. 5

Firebird Spirit Seminar- Nov. 9 & 10

Holiday Flea Market - Nov. 16

What does the Christian faith think about...?

In addition to traditional sermons, *what about* having a presentation of ideas, on *topics that you choose*, with optional time for sharing. Pastor Ed would like to hear what topics the congregation would like to discuss. Topics can be sent to Pastor Ed via email, or using the 3X5 cards that will be next to the bulletins in the narthex.

Next Manse Fireside Gathering: Friday, September 13th @ 7 pm



Online Donations

PRAYER PERSON OF THE WEEK

Jon Paul Daye

PRAYER REQUESTS

Bob Bresenhan & family, Helene Haith & family, Eileen P., Russ G., Hazel R., Kayla D., Alyne B., Chrissy, Jesus M., Helene & Diane, Meli, Vicky, Eunice, Barbra & Dave, Celeste & Doris, Falicity & Rita, Kulsoom, Jean K., Dorothy R., Fred R., Elizabeth M., Marilyn, Jasmine, Amy, Avril Muller & family, Carlos B., Savannah B.

As you enter the Sanctuary, prayer request cards can be found on the table by the bulletins.

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