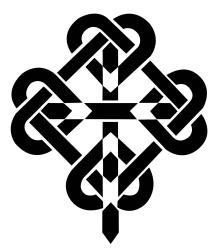
WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP





The whole body joined and knit together... building itself up in love. — Ephesians 4:16 —

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

Who We Seek to Be

In our love for Christ and guided by God's Word we seek to be a community of

Joyful Worship, thoughtfully centered in the wonder and wisdom of the living God and celebrating the diversity of the body of Christ.

Loving Fellowship, encouraging and serving one another in the unifying love of the Holy Spirit.

Life-changing Learning, biblically-based preaching and teaching to equip children, youth, and adults to grow in their relationship with God.

Enthusiastic Service, reflecting the servant heart of Jesus as we proclaim the gospel near and far in word and deed.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE: Arioso

J. S. Bach Julianne Tehan, John Zimmerman

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Praise be to you, our Heavenly Father, from everlasting to everlasting.

All: Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power,

Pastor: And the glory and the majesty and the splendor.

- All: For everything in heaven and earth is yours.
- Pastor: You are exalted as head over all; you are ruler of all things.

All: Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.

* INVOCATION

OPENING SONG: Psalm 62 (Sung by soloist)

My soul finds rest in God alone, My Rock and my salvation; A fortress strong against my foes, And I will not be shaken. Though lips may bless and hearts may curse, And lies like arrows pierce me, I'll fix my heart on righteousness, I'll look to Him who hears me. O praise Him, hallelujah, My Delight and my reward; Everlasting, never failing, My Redeemer, my God.

Mary Hopper

JOANNA SIRE

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

- Leader: "Come now, let us reason together," says the Lord. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool." (Isaiah 1:18, NIV)
- Leader: Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

People: Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Leader: When I kept silent, my bones wasted away, through my groaning all day long.

People: For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as in the heat of summer.

- Leader: Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not cover up my iniquity.
- People: I said, "I will confess my transgression to the Lord"--and you forgave the guilt of my sin.
- Leader: Therefore let everyone who is godly pray to you while you may be found; (Psalm 32:1-6, NIV)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Assurance of Pardon (from 1 John 1:8-9)

- Leader: Brothers and sisters, it is true that "if we claim to be without sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us." But it is equally true, amazingly true, that "if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."
- * ACCLAMATION (Please stand)
 - All: To him whose sovereignty is never-ending and whose kingdom endures through all generations, to the Most High, the ever-living one, be blessing and honor and glory. Amen.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you. All: And also with you.

(Please share God's peace with those around you.)

ENVISION UPDATE

Video

MINISTRY FOCUS

JULIEANNE AND DANIEL TEHAN

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

(Children remain seated during the Children's Blessing, then will be led to their children's worship space.)

SPECIAL MUSIC: Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace

Eric H. Thiman JOANNA SIRE

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee because he trusteth in Thee.

Trust ye in the Lord forever; for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength.

WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

ALVA STEFFLER

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WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

(Please stand for the reading of God's Word.)

READERS: BUURSMA FAMILY

* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: Psalm 67

 ¹ May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us—
² so that your ways may be known on earth,

your salvation among all nations.

³ May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.

⁴ May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations of the earth.

⁵ May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.

⁶ The land yields its harvest;

God, our God, blesses us.

⁷ May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.

¹⁴ For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. ¹⁵ The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." ¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. ¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

¹⁸ I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God. NIV

* Congregational Response

Leader:This is the Word of the Lord.All:Thanks be to God.

SERMON: The Wait of Glory (Part 3)

^{*} New Testament Scripture: Romans 8:14-21

WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

* CLOSING HYMN: Jesus Shall Reign



5 Let every creature rise and bring the highest honors to our King, angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen.

For other settings of Ps. 72 see 109, 953 Words: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt., P.D. Music (DUKE STREET 8.8.8.8): John Hatton, (1710-1793), 1793, P.D.

- * BENEDICTION
- * Postlude

TODAY

Get to know Daniel and Julieanne today by returning to the sanctuary about ten minutes after the end of the service for a snapshot of their work, finishing up by 12:30. Daniel and Julieanne will tell us how God has called them to support Bible translation in Southeast Asia. Daniel and Julieanne met at Wheaton College and have been working in the Chicago area for the last twenty years. Daniel is an AudioVisual Consultant team manager and Julieanne is a professional cellist and instructor. They are very excited to use the skills God has been growing in them to directly help advance the gospel.

If you have concerns or are in need of prayer, Sheroll Ritchie will be available at the front following the service.

Thanks to our musicians: John Zimmerman, Julieanne Tehan, Mary Hopper, Joanna Sire.

Music is licensed.

Thanks to our technical crew.

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Food pantry open
6:00 - 8:00 p. m.	Youth Group at the Ministry House
5:00 p.m.	College students are invited to supper and fellowship at the Bretsen's, 502 W. Indiana St., Wheaton.
7:00 p.m.	Adult Ed Theology 101, focusing on the themes of sin and salvation. (Zoom)

THIS WEEK

Tuesday

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Food Pantry

COMING

PrimeTimers will meet Saturday, October 16 at 10:00 a.m. RSVP to Alva (alvasteffler@yahoo.com).

September 19: Bring Your Own Picnic after worship next Sunday.

September 26: Mission snapshot with Micah Schuurman

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ELDERS

Katherine Anderson (Clerk of Session), Dan Balzer, Ron Netzel, Carl Pickard, Sheroll Ritchie, Leon Sinclair, Gaby Sosa, Alva Steffler, Steve Westfall, Ken Wolgemuth

DEACONS

Phebe Balzer, Becky Eggimann, Seth Ehorn, Debby France, Katie Pickard, Dee Netzel, Tom Nguyen, Heather Reyes (chair), Jack Swanson, Amy Treier, Rebecca William

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