

ORDER OF SERVICE

July 12, 2026 • 10:00 AM



PRAYER OF PREPARATION *adapted from "Lead Me, Guide Me" by Doris Akers*

Lead me, guide me along the way; for if you lead me I cannot stray. Or just open my eyes that I may see.
Lead me, oh Lord; won't you lead me? I am lost if you take your hand from me.
I am blind without your light to see. Lead me, oh Lord; won't you lead me? Amen.

PRELUDE "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story"

Christian Bastian, *viola*; Faith Ockwell, *violin*

WELCOME

Patrick Meagher

CALL TO WORSHIP

Katy Korpi

One: Welcome to a new day.

All: **Once again, God has gifted a new beginning to every one of us.**

One: Yesterday's mistakes are in the past.

All: **The slate has been wiped clean; the way is clear; we have a fresh start.**

One: Each day we are reborn;

All: **each day we become a new creation.**

One: Each day offers opportunities to be transformed,

All: **to grow into the image of Christ from one degree of glory to another.**

One: Worship the God who loves you and calls you by name,

All: **the God who has called all of us here this morning.**

One: Together, this family of God will worship our Lord.

All: **Together, we will praise God!**

SONGS OF PRAISE "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"

"Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!" #430, vv. 1, 3

CALL TO CONFESSION "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" v. 1

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Patrick Meagher

God of wisdom and grace, you do so much to guide us.

**You teach us through scripture, save us through your Son,
and continually lead us through the Spirit you've poured out on us.**

But we have to admit — we still get confused.

**There's a lot in your written word that we don't understand;
scripture often seems to be full of mixed messages;**

your voice gets distorted by the noise all around us;

we choose to listen to other voices; or we get distracted and lose focus.

**Forgive us. We want to do your will; we really do. Open our eyes, our ears, and our hearts
that we might see and hear you more clearly and love you more.**

Help us do better, please, just today, one day at a time.

Let that be our prayer each time you bless us with a new day and a fresh start. So be it.

And let us never forget to pray as you taught us, saying....

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 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.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

DOXOLOGY

OFFERING "A New Name in Glory"

John and Rich Ockwell

SCRIPTURE READING Revelation 2:12–17 CEB

Katy Korpi

SERMON "It's Complicated"

Laurel Underwood

SONG OF RESPONSE "Open My Eyes that I May See" #324, vv. 1–3

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Patrick Meagher

SONG OF SENDING "God of Grace and God of Glory"

BENEDICTION

Laurel Underwood

POSTLUDE "Open Our Eyes, Lord"

Shelley Ockwell, *organ*

Hooray for Christi Nixon!

// Facilities & Hospitality Director becomes a full-time position

The new fiscal year brings a welcome change in regard to Christi's position. Session has adjusted the hours to become a 40-hour/week position rather than part-time at 30 hours/week. This is part of Session's strategic planning and budgeting for this fiscal year, reflecting the reality that the requirements of our physical campus continue to increase in scope and complexity, and the number of our guest groups and their needs have also grown substantially. Attending to it all really is a full-time job!

For over a decade, Christi Nixon has ably served as our Facilities and Hospitality Director. We are indebted to Christi for the countless extra hours as well as the sincere passion they have poured into the work. When you next see Christi, be sure to express your thanks as well!

Signs of Life

// by Patrick Meagher

When it came time to compassionately end the life of our beloved cat, Frida, Jena found an organization who sent a caring person to our home to administer the medication. Like many important moments in life, it was sad, beautiful, and full of meaning. Then, as I carried Frida's peaceful body outside to send her off for cremation, I looked up and saw the brightest rainbow I had ever seen right above us.

Was this a coincidence? Maybe. Cats die and rainbows form all

the time; certainly, they can occur randomly at the same time. Or — maybe — it wasn't a coincidence. In that vulnerable moment, it sure didn't feel random to me. It got my attention and seemed to honor the meaningful transcendence of the occasion. In short, I felt seen and loved.

Our life of faith brings us to this question all the time. Was that a coincidence, or a sign from the Almighty God to little old me? There may be times God makes a message clear and directs us without question. But most often, it seems to me, God invites us into the vulnerable and relational nature of faith. Instead of the certainty we sometimes crave, we get these little signs that grab our attention, that could be written off as coincidences.

It takes eyes of faith to trust that these signs point us to a heavenly reality and invite us into a deeper relationship with the loving Creator of the universe. A lack of clarity can be frustrating at times, but it can also lead to more life-sustaining faith and help us develop ears to hear and eyes to see God's reality all around us.

Ice Cream Social on Wednesday

// A great opportunity for neighborhood engagement

The Hillwood Neighborhood Association's annual Ice Cream Social will take place this Wednesday, July 15 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at Calvin. This event usually takes place at Hillwood Park, but since the park is

closed this year, Calvin will be hosting! If you are interested in volunteering, reach out to [Norm](#) or look for the signup sheets at the Welcome Desk.

Welcoming Lynn Ogata

// Mission DOVE Cambodia presentation next Sunday

Lynn Ogata, our mission partner serving with Mission DOVE Cambodia, will worship with us next Sunday, July 19. Join us in the Fireside room after the worship service to hear more about Mission DOVE's programs and Lynn's life in Cambodia.



Happy Birthday!

Jasmine Underland Today!
Simeon Bumcrot Jul 13
Christine Bastian Jul 16
David Rood Jul 16
Dorothy Lindstrom Jul 17
Lisa Allen Jul 19
Catherine Baker Jul 19
Carol Jean Chandler Jul 19
Ian Rose Parrilla Jul 19
Hank Weaver Jul 19
Christi Nixon Jul 20
Serina Yemane Jul 22
Carole Cannon Jul 24
Betty Dost Jul 25
Neil Trainer Jul 25
Vivian Brown Jul 26
Martha Hayden-Ledbetter Jul 26
Katy Korpi Jul 26



Upcoming Events

Communion & First Fruits
(collecting cans of tuna and Chef Boyardee ravioli) Aug 02
Young Adults Theology
on Tap, 6:30 pm Aug 10
Pool Party at Innis Arden,
noon to 1 pm Aug 29