

July 14, 2024

Please take a moment to sign our attendance register located in each pew.

(**Indicates, please stand as able)

Greeting/Life of the Church

Prelude Mary Ann Spahr, harp solo
"Oh Master Let Me Walk With Thee"

**Call to Worship

All are welcome in the house of the Lord.

Find here the hospitality of radical fellowship.

Worship with clean hands and pure hearts.

We are lifted up by the King of glory.

We are adopted into the family of Christ.

We will leap with joy before our God!

**Opening Hymn "Here I Am, Lord" UMH #593

Opening Prayer (unison)

Holy One, we enter this time of worship with minds filled with the busyness of life. Help us shed the dust of our toils, relaxing in the knowledge that you claim us just as you promised. Amen.

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn "How Great Thou Art" (v. 1,3,4) UMH #77

Prayers of the Faithful & 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.

Offering/Offertory

"We Are the Church" Carol Stewart
Richard K. Avery and Donald S. Marsh

**Doxology

UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication

The earth is yours, O Lord, and all that is in it. All we have comes from the richness of your grace. As you have blessed us, so may we bless others. May these offerings bind us to your love for us and to your love for all the world's people. Amen.

Ministry of Music

Mary Ann Spahr, harp solo
"His Eye is on the Sparrow" arr. by R. Loucks

Scripture Reading

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

L: The Word of God for the People of God.

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Sermon

"Gathering for Worship" Pastor Jeff Bandy

**Closing Hymn

"God of Grace and God of Glory" (v. 1,3,4) UMH #577

**Sending Forth

Postlude

Carol Stewart
"Come, Now Is the Time to Worship" Brian Doerksen/Melody Bober



*The Altar Flowers are given by Bruce & Debbie Spitler
in honor of their 50th Wedding Anniversary.*

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The Ark Brought to Jerusalem

6 David again brought together all the able young men of Israel—thirty thousand. **2** He and all his men went to Baalah in Judah to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the Name, the name of the LORD Almighty, who is enthroned between the cherubim on the ark. **3** They set the ark of God on a new cart and brought it from the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, sons of Abinadab, were guiding the new cart **4** with the ark of God on it, and Ahio was walking in front of it. **5** David and all Israel were celebrating with all their might before the LORD, with castanets, harps, lyres, timbrels, sistrums and cymbals.

12b So David went to bring up the ark of God from the house of Obed-Edom to the City of David with rejoicing. **13** When those who were carrying the ark of the LORD had taken six steps, he sacrificed a bull and a fattened calf. **14** Wearing a linen ephod, David was dancing before the LORD with all his might, **15** while he and all Israel were bringing up the ark of the LORD with shouts and the sound of trumpets.

16 As the ark of the LORD was entering the City of David, Michal daughter of Saul watched from a window. And when she saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD, she despised him in her heart.

17 They brought the ark of the LORD and set it in its place inside the tent that David had pitched for it, and David sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings before the LORD. **18** After he had finished sacrificing the burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD Almighty. **19** Then he gave a loaf of bread, a cake of dates and a cake of raisins to each person in the whole crowd of Israelites, both men and women. And all the people went to their homes.



Gathering for Worship



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We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

July 14, 2024 - Worship Team

Ushers	Rick Smith, Joyce Smith Ed Stidham, Margaret Stidham
Greeters	Bruce Spitler, Debbie Spitler
Liturgist	Chad Mosing
Organist	Carol Stewart

JULY

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