

November 10, 2024

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

(**Indicates, please stand as able)

Gathering Music "America" Handbell Choir
John A. Behnke

Greeting/Life of the Church

Prelude "O Worship the King" Handbell Choir
arr. by Lloyd Larson

**Call to Worship

What to you bring before the Lord this day?

We bring our hopes and our dreams to the Lord

What do you seek?

We seek peace for our anxious spirits.

Find in this place welcome, peace, and hope. All given by God who loves you.

Praise be to God!

**Opening Hymn "For the Fruits of This Creation" UMH #97

Opening Prayer (unison)

Lord, we have come to you this day bringing all that we have, our lives, our hopes and dreams, our fears and sorrows. Open our hearts to receive your words and your spirit, that we may find healing and comfort. Open our lives to the wondrous possibilities for service and joy that you offer to us. Ease our minds and spirits that we may hear the words of encouragement and peace this day. AMEN.

Children's Moments

A Veteran's Testimony Bob Schalle

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.

Hymn "Faith of Our Fathers" UMH #710

Offering/Offertory "God Bless America" Carol Stewart
Irving Berlin

**Doxology UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication

Free our hearts, gracious God, that your great purposes may work through our love for you and our neighbors. Take this, the gifts of our hands, and the enterprise of our families, and bless and multiply them for the sake of your kingdom alone. Amen.

**Gospel Reading Mark 12: 38-44

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

P: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Ministry of Music Handbell Choir
"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Lobe Den Herren/Kevin McChesney

Sermon "A Life of Sacrifice" Pastor Jeff Bandy

**Closing Hymn "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" UMH #127

**Sending Forth

Postlude "America the Beautiful" Carol Stewart
Samuel A. Ward/John A. Behnke



*The Altar Flowers are given by Bob & Amy Schalle
in memory of Bob's mother, Eleonore Schalle.*

Gospel Reading – Mark 12: 38-44 (NIV)

Warning Against the Teachers of the Law

³⁸ As he taught, Jesus said, “Watch out for the teachers of the law. They like to walk around in flowing robes and be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹ and have the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at banquets. ⁴⁰ They devour widows’ houses and for a show make lengthy prayers. These men will be punished most severely.”

The Widow’s Offering

⁴¹ Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. ⁴² But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.

⁴³ Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. ⁴⁴ They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on.”

WELCOME VISITORS!

If you are visiting with us today, we welcome you and hope you will come back and worship with us again soon. We would love to get to know you, please take a moment to provide your information in the attendance register located in each pew.



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We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

November 10, 2024 - Worship Team

Ushers	Doug Wickline, Bruce Spitler, Micah Fleming, Will Mossing
Greeters	Bruce Spitler, Debbie Spitler
Liturgist	Elaine Hughes
Organist	Carol Stewart
Chancel Choir Director	Melody Kelley
Handbell Choir Director	Jim McPeck



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