

\*All who are able please stand.

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PRELUDE- "Selected"

WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP- "All Honour"

Falson

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**People: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; whom shall I be afraid?**

Leader: One thing I asked of the Lord, to live in the house of the Lord all my days.

**People: "Come," my heart says, "seek the face of the Lord." Your face, O, Lord, do I seek.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

\*HYMN- "Blessed Be the Name"

#59

\*INVOCATION (In Unison)

**The people who lived in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy. We rejoice now before you as the yoke of our burden, and the bar across our shoulders you have broken as on the day of Midian. As those numbered to walk in the light of Christ who names us in our baptism and washes us with the waters of new life, we gather now in his name to give you all praise and glory. AMEN.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE- "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" vs.2

#492

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(Children are dismissed to Sunday School)

SCRIPTURE LESSON- Joshua 24:14-17; Ephesians 4:25-5:2

"So fear the LORD and serve him wholeheartedly. Put away forever the idols your ancestors worshiped when they lived beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt. Serve the LORD alone. But if you refuse to serve the LORD, then choose today whom you will serve. Would you prefer the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates? Or will it be the gods of the Amorites in whose land you now live? But as for me and my family, we will serve the LORD." The people replied, "We would never abandon the LORD and serve other gods. For the LORD our God is the one who rescued us and our ancestors from slavery in the land of Egypt. He performed mighty miracles before our very eyes. As we traveled through the wilderness among our enemies, he preserved us.

So stop telling lies. Let us tell our neighbors the truth, for we are all parts of the same body. And "don't sin by letting anger control you." Don't let the sun go down while you are still angry,<sup>27</sup> for anger gives a foothold to the devil. If you

are a thief, quit stealing. Instead, use your hands for good hard work, and then give generously to others in need. Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them. And do not bring sorrow to God's Holy Spirit by the way you live. Remember, he has identified you as his own, guaranteeing that you will be saved on the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you. Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children. Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God.

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM- "Come, Sing Unto the Lord"

Martin

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

**If we claim to have fellowship with Christ, yet walk in darkness, we are liars. If we claim to possess the light, but hide it under a bushel, of what use is such wisdom to the world? If we rest secure, while others fear, what has become of our call to share the Good News. O God, we cannot hide from you, forgive our sins and hear our prayer.**

SILENT PRAYER

**Prayer List-** Geryl Anderson, Mary Andrews, Darcy Cassidy, Anna Fijol, Robert Garabedian, Penny Gustafson, Pauline Guyette, Lola Harper, Billy Hindes, Kristen Kent, Barb Knight, Ken & Lois Macomber, Kristine Thompson, Ren Yeo, Hany.

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases/Trespas)

OFFERTORY- "Selected"

\*DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER

\*HYMN- "Heavenly Sunlight"

#488

TEXT- John 15:1-8

"I am the true grapevine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch of mine that doesn't produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more.<sup>3</sup> You have already been pruned and purified by the message I have given you. Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me. "Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For

apart from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned. But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted! When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father.

## MESSAGE

\*HYMN- "Now Thank We All Our God"

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\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE- "Selected"

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### Announcements

The Chancel Flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Margaret (Sandy) Bishop by Lynne and Marcus Deane.

The Chancel Flowers from last Sunday were given in loving memory of parents Clarence E. Aldrich and Sylva McGilvray Aldrich by Elizabeth Aldrich and grandchildren. We are sorry for any error.

The scripture this morning was read by Nate Beckwith.

Thanks to the Guyette family for hosting coffee hour this morning.

Thanks to Marketa Smith for working in the nursery this morning.

The church office is in the process of compiling the 2010 church directory. Please fill out a 2010 directory information form. They can be found in Mason Hall after service. Please leave in the Church Administrator's mailbox. Thank you!

A reminder to pick up your 2010 offering envelopes in Mason Hall if you have not done so already. Also, please be sure to fill out and return a 2010 pledge card to the church office.

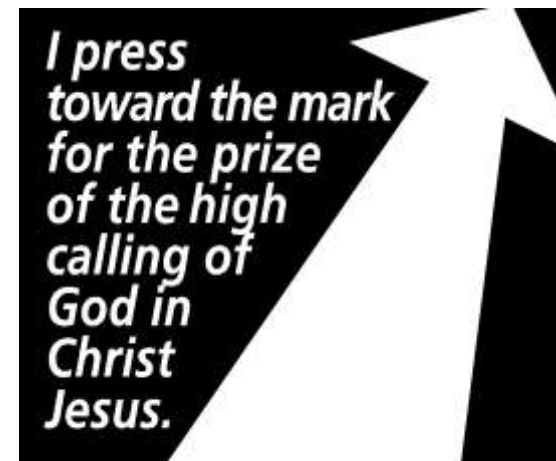
Join us January 24<sup>th</sup>, after church, for a book discussion on The Shack by William P. Young. A light lunch will be provided for the discussion participants. Location will be determined, as the date gets closer. Questions? Ask JoAnne Guyette during coffee hour.

### This Week In Our Church

Children's Choir - Today 11:15am  
Church Committee - Monday 7pm  
A Cappella - Monday 7pm  
Village Bells - Tuesday 6:45pm  
Chancel Choir - Wednesday 7pm

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