

CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 23

10:30 am Worship
11:30 am Coffee Hi

Wednesday, August 26

7:00 pm UCC Choir Rehearsal
8:15 pm Taize at Danforth Chapel

Sunday, August 30

10:30 am Worship
11:30 am Coffee Hi

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Worship Leaders and Church Staff

Rev. Jean Morrow - Interim Minister	Rev. Elaine Miller - Minister of Visitation
Tommy Gress - Organist	Kari Jensen - Christian Ed Director
Gretchen Burbach - Choral Director	Taylor Ebsen - Church Administrator
Anthony Burbach - Bell Director/ Piano	Sarah Gregg - Church Financial Officer
Paul Ebsen - Media Director	Kathy Hasenbank, Linda Moe - Custodians

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PRELUDE “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” Larson

WELCOME
Friendship Pads
Announcements
Joys and Concerns
Please also complete a “Prayer Card” and put it in the collection plate.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

INTROIT: “In The Midst of New Dimensions”
God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar. We your people, ours the journey, now and ever, now and ever, now and evermore

CALL TO WORSHIP
No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here! Come, for we are called together as the diverse and beautiful Body of Christ. **God has poured out unique gifts upon each of us, according to a wide and generous grace.**
If your gift is to speak out for justice, speak with bold faith. If your gift is to offer quiet care, serve with a tender heart.

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If our gift is to teach, let us learn together. If our gift is to lift of the weary, let us offer words of comfort and hope.

If you are called to give, share your resources with joy. If you are called to lead, guide this covenant community with humility and diligence.

And if you are called to show mercy, do it with a cheerful and loving spirit! Our Still-Speaking God creates us, equips us and unites us. Let us bring all of our different identities and talents to praise the Lord together!

*HYMN “God We Thank You for Your People” 376

*INVOCATION

We ask God to bless the gifts we share with others, opening our hearts to generous service and love for our community.

MUSIC TO INSPIRE “Colors of the Wind” (from Pocahontas) Menken/Schwartz
Soloist- Eleanor Anderson
Piano- Angela Anderson

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE Romans 12: 6-8

HYMN OF PREPARATION “Won’t You Let Me Be Your Servant?” 539

INTERPRETATION “I Can’t Sing”

A TIME FOR PRAYER

Silent Prayer
Pastoral Prayer
Lord’s Prayer

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC “When I Consider How the Father Loves” Rodriguez

**Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, you heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, Receive these gifts of money, time, and talent. Multiply our unique skills to serve our neighbors, build up your church, and bring justice to your world. In the name of Jesus, who unites us as one body, we pray. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN “Take My Gifts” 448

BENEDICTION

Go out into the world with courage, knowing that God has uniquely gifted you for this exact moment.

If you are called to speak for justice, speak boldly.

If you are called to serve, serve with love.

If you are called to encourage, offer hope to all.

May God bless you, unite you and fuel you gifts today and always.

Amen.

POSTLUDE “Glorious Morning” Andrews

Thank you, Kari!
Thank you to Kari Jensen for leading us in prayer and worship this Sunday morning. We are grateful for your time, leadership, and willingness to share your gifts with our congregation!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UCC Choir Resumes Wednesday, August 26

Calling all singers high school age and beyond! The UCC Adult choir will resume rehearsals this coming Wednesday, August 26th from 7-8 in the UCC basement (Mayflower room). If you love to sing, please add UCC choir into your Wednesday schedule and join the joyful noise! Any questions about UCC music? Contact Gretchen at song.birdies@yahoo.com.

TAIZE AT DANFORTH

The next Prayer in the Manner of Taize at the Danforth Chapel on campus, Wednesday August 26, beginning at 8:15 pm.

LAF/BC REGISTRATION

Our children and youth programming resumes on Wednesday, **September 2, at 5:30 pm**. Join us for registration, hot dogs and chips, and a chance to reconnect! **Parents will have a few registration forms to complete. Everyone is welcome!**

If you'd like to volunteer with our children's ministry or help in the kitchen, we'd love to have you join us. LAF/BC groups are open to children in pre-kindergarten through seventh grade.

USD SYMPHONIC CHOIR

Do you like to sing? Do you like being a part of a performing group? Then the USD Symphonic Choir is for YOU! Rehearsals are Tuesday nights from **5:30 to 7:20 pm** in the Choir Room of the USD Fine Arts Building. Rehearsals begin on **September 1**. Any interested community member should contact Tim Campbell timothy.campbell@usd.edu for more information. Everyone is welcome! **This will be an exciting year with great performances, including a chance to sing with the Sioux City Symphony.**

VERMILLION CHILDREN'S CHOIR AUDITIONS

Do you know any 3rd to 6th grade kids who love to sing? Who love to perform? Who love having fun? The Vermillion Children's Choir provides all of this. The choir meets on **Tuesdays after school until 5:00 pm at the Elementary School** in Vermillion beginning September 8. Some wonderful music has been chosen and several exciting events are planned. Tuition for the entire year is only \$150 (\$75 per semester). That works out to \$5 a week. **Auditions for this year's choir will be on Tuesday, September 1 and Thursday, September 3** from 4-6 in the Elementary Music Room at the Elementary School in Vermillion. There is nothing that needs to be prepared for the low pressure audition.

Students will be asked to sing Happy Birthday and sing a few simple exercises. For more information or to sign up for an audition visit: <http://vermillionchildrenschoir.weebly.com>.