

GATHERING

Welcome

*May the peace of Christ be with you. / **And also with you.***

Acolyte: Ciara Siesel

Prelude *“Adagio from Toccata in C Major”* J.S. Bach
Nancy McKenney, cello

*Call to Worship

Leader: How good it is to praise our Creator! Sing praises to our God!

People: For God is gracious and deserves our songs of praise!

Leader: God heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds!

People: God determines the number of stars and gives them their names!

Leader: Let us sing our praises to God!

People: Let us open our hearts in worship to the One who creates, redeems and sustains us!

* Hymn *“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”* CH 25

*Opening Prayer Steve Coon
*Children are invited to gather on the steps following the Opening Prayer and as the congregation sings, “**Children, welcome, in the name of Jesus. Children, welcome, in the name of love. All are welcome in the name of Jesus. All are welcome in the name of love.**”*

LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

Children’s Moment Jackie Diachun

Hymn *“If You Will Trust in God to Guide You”* CH 565

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer in song CH 310

Scripture Reading Isaiah 40:21-31

Sermon *“With Eagle’s Wings and Grasshopper Eyes”*

Special Music (insert) “Lift Me Up” Paul B. Svenson
Soloists sing first two verses; Congregation joins in the third verse

CELEBRATING THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Hymn *“Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether”* CH 392

Call to Giving Michael Wells

Offering “Grazioso” G. P. Telemann

*Doxology *“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”* CH 50

*Prayer for the Gifts Given

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

You are invited to take the bread as it is passed, reminding us of our personal relationship with God through Jesus. Please hold the cup to take together, reminding us of our communal relationship with God. Rice cracker pieces in cups are gluten free for those with gluten allergies. The cups contain juice.

Communion Meditation “Aria Pastorella” Valentin Rathgeber

Prayer of Thanksgiving Conley Salyer

TAKING THE GOOD NEWS INTO THE WORLD

Announcements

*Closing Hymn *“On Eagle’s Wings”* CH 77

*Benediction

*Postlude *“On Eagle’s Wings”* Michael Joncas

***Denotes to Stand, if able**

SERVING THIS WEEK

Minister, Rev. Dalene Vasbinder
Director Children/Youth, Laura Sebastian
Music Director, Joanna Manning
Pianist, Kathy Egner
Acolyte, Ciara Siesel
Liturgist, Steve Coon
Prayer for Gifts Given, Michael Wells
Thanksgiving & Homebound, Conley Salyer
Prepare & Serve, June Salyer & Laura Trippy
Serve & Clean-up, Mark Barker & Dolores Yilibuw
Children's Moment, Jackie Diachun
Children's Church, Ken McCullough
Worship & Wonder, Katherine Bullock
Van Driver, Richard Day
Financial Counters, Connie Payne & Michael Wells
Nursery Attendants, Morgan Campbell & Aimee Senga
HOPE Mobile Sandwiches, Conley & June Salyer

Woodland Christian Church is an open and affirming, dynamic community of faith. We are inspired by Jesus to practice radical hospitality and unconditional love. As children of God, we strive to care for the earth as we serve others. We respect each individual's journey as we grow together in faith.

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