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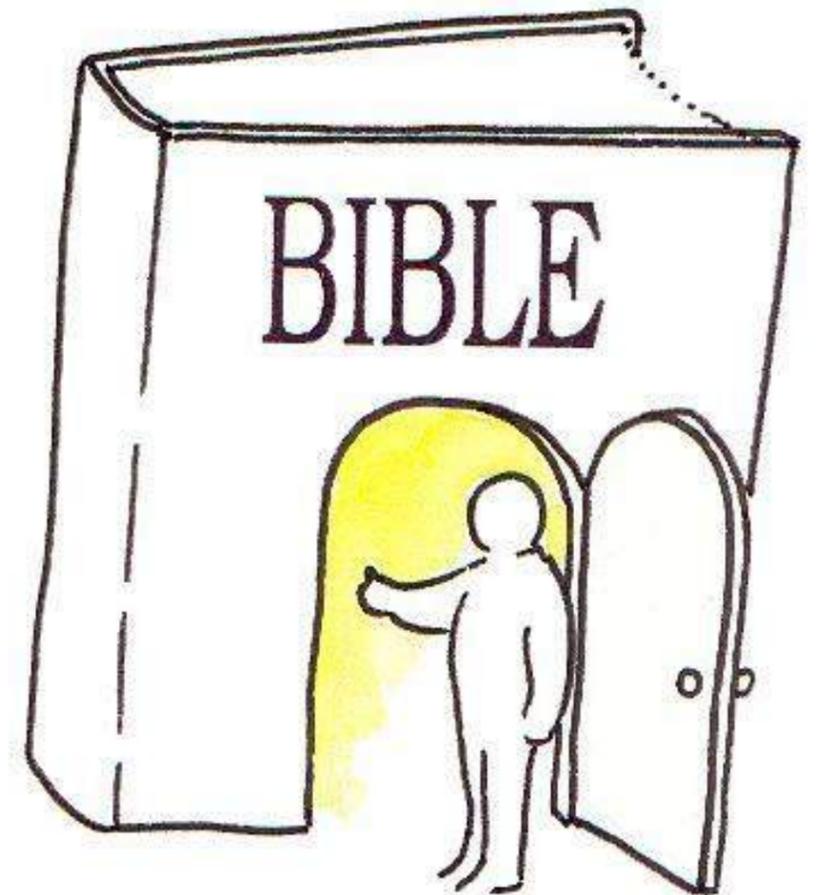
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# 8:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE



June 26, 2016



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Welcome to Worship!

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Music by The Lord's Crew

June 26, 2016

8:30 AM

### Gathering

\*OPENING PRAISE We've a Story

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

\*PRAISE I Love to Tell the Story  
Amazing Love  
I'd Rather Have Jesus

\*SHARING GOD'S PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing Joys & Concerns  
Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

### Sharing and Responding to God's Word

SONG OF ILLUMINATION Ancient Words

SCRIPTURE Mark 12:18-34  
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SERMON "FINDING NEW MEANING IN THE BIBLE"  
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RESPONSE SONG Thy Word

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION  
(please bring offering up at Communion)

Words for Communion  
Communion Song El Shaddai  
Prayer after Communion

### Going Forth to Serve

\*FINAL BLESSING Through It All

\*CLOSING SONG Victory in Jesus

\*Worshippers stand as able.



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### "ALL OF US"

Thank you for a **great** response to our pledge drive. We still need \$13,000 to meet our budget without cuts. It takes **All of Us!**



Rev. Mary B.

### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	8:30 AM	10:30 AM	TOTAL
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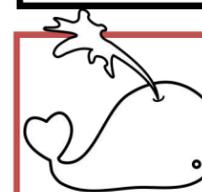


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Flyers with details in church office

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### CENTERING WORDS

Blessed Lord, you have caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.  
—The Book of Common Prayer

### WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE      A Strong Tower      Cindy Berry

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Freed to worship,  
**we are gathered here.**  
Freed to love,  
**we are gathered together.**  
Freed to follow,  
**we have answered Christ's call.**

\*OPENING HYMN      O World of God Incarnate      No. 598

### OPENING PRAYER

**Christ Jesus, you have walked this path of life before us.  
You know the lonely road we travel.  
Help us follow you without turning back.  
Guide our steps,  
that we might walk in your ways.  
Strengthen our resolve,  
that we might be the disciples you desire us to be.  
In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT      Judy Atwood

SPECIAL MUSIC      Blessings      Laura Story  
Julie Burns, soloist

### JOYS AND CONCERNS FROM PRAYER BOOK

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A TIME OF MEDITATION AND PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* No. 420  
 Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer Hymnal No. 895  
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SCRIPTURE Mark 12:18-34  
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\*HYMN *Thy World Is a Lamp* No. 601

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OFFERING  
 Call to Stewardship and Mission  
 Offertory *Fairest Lord Jesus* Silesian Folk Melody  
 Doxology/Prayer of Dedication Hymnal, No. 95

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him,  
 all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
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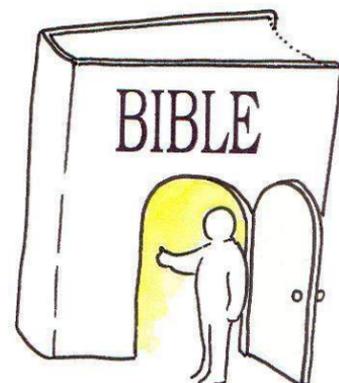
\*CLOSING HYMN *Wonderful Words of Life* No. 600

\*BENEDICTION

RESPONSE *God Be With You Till We Meet Again* No. 672

**God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you,  
 with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.  
 Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet;  
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POSTLUDE *Our God Reigns* Leonard E. Smith, Jr.



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