

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 29:11-14a

¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. ¹² Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. ¹³ You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. ¹⁴ I will be found by you," declares the LORD, "and will bring you back from captivity.

Matthew 6:31-33

³¹ So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PINE ISLAND
Love, Hope, a place to Belong

Pastor Bill Hoffman

August 26, 2018, 14th Sunday after Pentecost

UMH (United Methodist Hymnal) FWS (Faith We Sing)

(Indicates for Congregation to stand if able)**

****Call to Worship**

Liturgist: Naomi Kvittem-Murray

L: Come! Dwell in God's courts forever.

P: Happy are those who live and pray in God's house.

L: In God alone our hearts sing for joy.

P: In God alone do we find strength.

L: O Lord of hosts, how lovely is your dwelling place.

P: We have come in prayer to worship the Lord.

Announcements / Birthdays & Anniversaries

Time of Reflection

Pianist: Joel Blair

****Hymn**

Great and Mighty Is He / I Love You, Lord

Children's Sermon

Pastor Bill

Joys and Concerns / Pastoral Prayer

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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.

****Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Scriptures:

Jeremiah 29:11-14a, Matthew 6:31-33

Hymn (UMH) #140

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Message

Why Does God Continue to Bless Us?

Pastor Bill Hoffman

Giving of Our Tithes and Offering - Please sign Pew Pad.

****Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below, praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

****Offertory Prayer**

Loving God, we rejoice in your bounty. You clothe us in the garments of salvation and care for us each and every day of our lives. In gratitude for your many blessings, we offer you our tithes and offerings, that your presence may be known throughout the world. Amen.

****Hymn (UMH) #130**

God Will Take Care of You

Prayer for Living Expectantly

Gracious and Life-Giving God,

- Pour out your Holy Spirit, like a mighty wind and tongues of fire, to unleash our churches to see kingdom visions, to dream your dreams, and to prophesy to your saving grace and justice.
- Revive the power of the gospel in the hearts of our clergy and lay leadership and prosper their words and works, so that all nations may hear the good news in their own tongues.
- Boldly use me, without limits, delays or excuses, to be a living praise and witness to your love throughout all the earth and a blessing to all creation.
- Create in me an expectant heart, eager to receive your Spirit gifts and guidance to the glory of Jesus Christ, in whose precious and powerful name I pray. Amen.

Benediction / Greeting/ Postlude

Fellowship: Please join us for fellowship time following the service downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. **Nursery:** Available for your use.

PLEASE NOTE

- **Pastor Bill's** office hours will be Monday, Tuesday, Thursday from 9am to 12noon. To contact Pastor Bill call: cell (605) 840-1801, home (507) 356-4317, e-mail revwilly3@gmail.com. Pastor Bill will be at Betty Sue's Better Brew on Wednesdays at 9am
- **Mission Box** for August is Food for Friends. **Pine Island Sharing Shelf** for August is Jam & Jelly. .
- **ConneXion Retreat:** Sept. 7-8, Christ UMC Rochester. This retreat for laity is about listening deeply to God, yourself, and the needs of the world. Connect your passions and your calling, and find your spot to contribute. This retreat will qualify you as a certified lay servant. Register by Aug. 30. <https://www.minnesotaumc.org/eventdetail/11360949?month=9&year=2018&day=1&display=m>
- **Mission Summit:** Save the date! The Missions Promotion Team will again be hosting a Mission Summit on Saturday, September 29, 9 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Oakwood UMC, 1630 Oakwood Avenue, New Ulm, MN. You'll learn and meet conference-sponsored missionaries, the NUMAS Haus (which was a ministry we gave a portion of this year's annual conference Love Offering to), school-church partnerships, Volunteers in Missions (VIM), Disaster Response, social justice ministries, hands-on projects, conference Advance ministries and more. World Beat Connection and Rev. Fred Vanderwerf will be leading worship. The event is free with lunch included. Plus, every church attending will receive \$50 seed money to start a new outreach ministry. To register, go to https://mnumc-reg.brtapp.com/Mission_Summit71
- **Reach! Conference 2018** is October 5-6, at Embrace Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. This Dakotas-Minnesota event is devoted to helping congregations reach new people. Pre-conference workshops are nearly full. Register before your preferred workshop fills up! Registration is \$45. To register, go to <https://reachumc.org/register/#>