

Scripture Readings:

Philippians 3:14

¹⁴I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

1 John 4:7-16

⁷Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

¹³This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. ¹⁶And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.

Jeremiah 29:11

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.

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Love, Hope, a place to Belong

Pastor Bill Hoffman

May 5, 2019, Confirmation Sunday-Communion

UMH (United Methodist Hymnal) **FWS** (Faith We Sing) **W&S** (Worship & Song)

(**Indicates for Congregation to stand if able)

(Please sign the pew pad)

Gathering

Welcome

Time of Reflection

The Lord Is in This Place

Pianist: Joel Blair

****Call to Worship**

Ella Sorum

L: We have traveled from the horror of Good Friday
to the joy and celebration of Easter.

P: We will give thanks to you forever, O God.

L: The Lord has turned our sorrow and sadness into dancing and joy.

P: We will give thanks to you forever, O God.

L: We come now to worship the one who transforms fear
into resurrection love.

P: We will give thanks to you forever, O God.

****Opening Song**

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Children's Time

Isabelle Snyder

Prayer Time

Choir

We Remember

Hearing God's Word

Scripture:

Philippians 3:14, 1 John 4:7-16, Jeremiah 29:11

Liturgist: Zach Snyder

Message

Faith Journeys
Isabelle R. Snyder / Ella M. Sorum / Jamie E. Simpson

Response

Song: Here I Am to Worship

Covenant of Confirmation

Celebration of Holy Communion

(Please Bring Gifts and Offerings as You Come Forward For Communion)

Sending Forth

****Hymn (UMH) #593**

Here I Am, Lord

Prayer for Living Expectantly

Gracious Giver of Life,

- Pour out your Holy Spirit, O God, like a mighty wind and tongues of fire. Unleash our churches to see kingdom visions, dream your dreams and prophesy to your saving grace and justice.
- Revive the power of the gospel in our clergy and lay leaders. 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, a witness to your love throughout the earth, and a blessing to all creation.
- Create in me an expectant heart, eager for your Spirit's gifts and guidance, to the glory of Jesus Christ, in whose precious and powerful name we pray. Amen.

Blessing: Ella Sorum

Greeting / Postlude

PLEASE NOTE

- **Pastor Bill's** office hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 9am to 12pm. To contact Pastor Bill, please call his cell (605) 840-1801 or home (507) 356-4317; or e-mail him at revwilly3@gmail.com. On Wednesdays, Pastor Bill is at Shawna's at 8am and at Betty Sue's Better Brew at 9am.
- **We invite you** all to use the **Prayer Wall** in the entrance area. Please feel free to add a prayer request, pray for the requests posted, and/or take a prayer request with you to regularly pray for outside the church.
- A **BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who contributed pies and other food items for the **Pie Auction** last Sunday! Another thank you to all who bid and purchased items, as well to **Amy Doherty for coordinating!** We raised **\$3,000** for the **TeenServe event** this summer!
- **May Buffet** will be on Wednesday, May 22, at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. The theme this year is "Old Time Hymn Sing and Stories of Yesteryear." The menu will be a croissant sandwich bar with meat, cheese, relish tray, fruit tray, and bars for desert. Tickets are \$5.00 and can be purchased from the church office or Vicky Mancilman. Please call Vicky at 259-1626 with any questions.
- **Mission Box** for May is **UMCOR** (United Methodist Committee on Relief), the humanitarian relief and development arm of The United Methodist Church. **Pine Island Sharing Shelf** for May is **Condiments** (Ketchup/Mustard, Salad Dressings, Mayonnaise, etc.)
- **Thank You:** *The Pine Island Sharing Shelves would like to thank you for your generous cash donation of \$1,162.* Thank you very much, your friends at the Pine Island Sharing Shelves.
- **The Rochester Male Chorus**, directed by Joel Blair, will join with the Minnesota Boy Choir on Sunday, May 5, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. at Bethel Lutheran Church in Rochester for their Spring Concert. There will be over 100 boys singing and it is expected to be a great show. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for students. Tickets will be available at the door, and Joel Blair will also have tickets to sell before and after church. (Joel is in a "contest" to sell the most tickets of any Chorus member and would appreciate your getting tickets from him!