

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

Arr. Joe Utterback

Mark Loring, Organ

The Postlude music prepares us to transition from worship to life and service in the world. You are welcome to stay or to exit during the Postlude.

The flowers in worship are given to the glory of God in celebration of:

Emma’s birthday; they are given by Denise Whitesall.

**the baptism of Owen Isaiah Luczak;
they are given by Kerry and Jeanne Franks.**

Assisting in 8:30 a.m. Worship

Greeter: Barbara Brown

Ushers: Boyd Wiltse – Captain, Liza Gray

Assisting in 10:00 a.m. Worship

Greeters: John & Ellen Aldighieri

Ushers: Edie Wiarda, Bob Christie, Gerry Boettger

Nursery: Lori Campbell, Amy Whitesall

September 3rd

One worship service at 10 a.m., no summer fellowship to follow.

Church office will be closed on September 4th in observance of Labor Day.

September 10th Fall schedule starts 9am & 11am Worship

Children/Youth Ministry Kick-Off

We are having a special service for Children and Youth Ministry Sunday. Since we want all adults to remain in the service, including BLAST leaders, we will be having a “welcome week” instead of the regular BLAST class format. We will be having stations for the children to rotate between: music, mission craft, food, storytelling, and games.

We would like all youth and adults to be able to attend the service at either 9 a.m. or 11 a.m. Middle school youth will be asked to attend the service at 9 a.m. instead of leaving for programming. High school youth will be asked to attend the 11 a.m. service in lieu of youth programming. We have arranged it so adult BLAST leaders do not have to leave with the children at 9 a.m., but of course they are welcome to assist the children at 9 a.m. and attend the service at 11 a.m. if that is what they choose.

Preschool children may either go to the preschool room for childcare (we will have the nursery workers in the preschool room that day), attend the welcome activities with the big kids, or remain in service. Now here is the easy part:

BLAST officially begins on September 17th!

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A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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8:30 A.M. & 10:00 A.M. Worship

Ordinary people living differently

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August 20, 2017

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Please contact an usher for hearing devices,

large print bulletin and hymnal

8:30 A.M. & 10 A.M. Worship

“Grace Space” is available at the front of the sanctuary. This area is for young children and their caregivers to engage in worship, while also being able to move around, see better, and play with soft toys and quiet activities. During the 10 a.m. service, our nursery staff welcomes babies and young children as another child care option.

(9:45 A.M.) GATHERING MUSIC

Suzanne Fraker

PRELUDE “Children’s Medley”

Arr. Mark Hayes

The prelude marks the beginning of worship. We take our seats; we quiet ourselves; the candles symbolize the presence of Christ who comforts, inspires, and guides us.

WELCOME

A THANKSGIVING MOMENT

Seeing and Being the Light of Christ in the Brightmoor Neighborhood
A witness to the mission experience of our 3-5th Graders and their parents, July 29-30.

*HYMN “Jesus Loves the Little Children” (sing twice) see front screens

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

(10 A.M.) SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

Brandon and Jaime Luczak present their son Owen Isaiah for baptism.

Congregation’s promise:

With God’s help,

**we will follow the example of Christ,
surrounding Owen with steadfast love.**

We will do our part to nurture him,

**providing opportunities for him to grow in Christian faith
and to develop and share his God-given gifts,**

**that he may walk in the way that leads
to life abundant and eternal.**

*HYMN “Child of Blessing, Child of Promise” **UMH 611**

(10 A.M.) *Children dismiss to summer BLAST*

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

God of Grace and Wisdom,

We give you thanks for schools and classrooms;
and for all those involved in education and students who fill them each day.

We thank you for this new beginning, for new books and new ideas.

We thank you for sharpened pencils, pointy crayons,
and crisp blank pages waiting to be filled.

We thank you for the gift of making mistakes and for trying again.

Help us to remember that asking the right questions is often as important
as giving the right answers.

Today we give you thanks for these your children,
and we ask you to bless them with curiosity, understanding and respect.

May these physical gifts be symbols of the love and support we give
to the children of our community throughout the year.

Help us to look upon every child in our community as one of our own,
helping them to grow in character and knowledge. Amen

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 10:13-16

SERMON

“And a Child Shall Lead Them”

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

*Please write your joys and concerns in the prayer book as you enter for worship;
a Stephen Minister will read these items before we join in prayer.*

PRAYER SONG

“On Eagle’s Wings”

UMH 143

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

see insert

A WORD OF WITNESS

Brenda, Steve and Nicholas Beck

SERVING AND GIVING WITH GRATITUDE

Please sign the welcome pad & pass along to others in your row

Announcements

Presenting God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

“The Water is Wide”

Arr. Brant Adams

Kennedy Aldrich, Violin

*HYMN

“We All Are One in Mission”

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