

Prayer of Consecration

(All believing Christians are invited to share in the Lord's Supper, regardless of church affiliation.)

One: The bread which we break is our communion in the Body of Christ.

**All: The cup of blessing for which we give thanks is our Communion
in the blood of Christ. Amen.**

Benediction

Recessional

We Are Walking

No. 442

Postlude

Festive Piece

Dagfinn Moe

David Williams, organ



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(Disciples of Christ)

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ORDER OF WORSHIP
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Sharing Christ. Changing Lives. Delivering Hope

GATHERING

Prelude ***Come, Christians Join and Sing***
arr. Sondra Tucker
David Williams, organ

Opening Music ***Come, Christians, Join to Sing*** No. 90

*Responsive Reading

Leader: For all the saints who now rest from their labors,

People: Alleluia!

Leader: For all who confessed faith in Jesus before the world,

People: Alleluia!

Leader: For the blest communion of the divine company,

People: Alleluia!

Leader: For all who shine in God's glory,

People: Alleluia!

Leader: For all are one and all are God's!

People: Alleluia!

Leader: And again we say,

All: Alleluia!

*Invocation

*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 debts as we forgive our debtors.

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 No. 35

Children's Message

PRAYER

Prayer Hymn ***My Tribute*** No. 39
(responsive)

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response

PROCLAMATION

Offertory Invitation

Special Music ***Healer of Our Every Ill*** Marty Haugen
Christian Jackson, baritone

Scripture Reading Hebrews 12:1-2

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon ***Look to the Witnesses***

RESPONSE

Invitation to Discipleship

Communion Music ***In the Bulb There Is a Flower (vs. 1, 3)*** No. 638
(In Christ's name we welcome all persons into membership into the church by confession of faith and baptism or by transfer of membership. Please step to the front pew during the singing of this Hymn of Communion.)

Meditation Gail Prince

Words of Institution

Sermon Outline

Look to the Witnesses

Look to the Witnesses at this moment in time!

The great Cloud of Witnesses is your cloud of witnesses, your personal heroes of faith who went before you, trusted God, and persevered through their own challenging moments. All who follow the Lord in faith have what it takes to overcome challenges and live a bright and successful future.

How has your life changed?

What caught your awareness that did not have your attention last January?

How is your soul when the screen grows dark because of an unknown future?

We are surrounded – completely encompassed by healthy examples of people whose experiences and fortitude encourage us to persevere. The writer exhorts us to lay aside every weight and sin which clings so closely, to endure and to stay focused on that which is important.

As we think upon how weight and sin could present themselves in life, ask yourself, “What holds most of my attention these days?” The answer could reveal any weight or sin you are carrying.

These challenges are not new! People have always been challenged by weight and sin.

We all have a propensity to get off-target and swayed to focusing on something other than God. Do not get sidetracked with earthly anxieties and worries, trials, tribulations, and sin.

The Great Cloud of Witnesses in the stadium overcame obstacles to faith. So, can we.

Hebrews 12:1-2 (NRSV)

12 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,^[a] and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of^[b] the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Notes:

Prayer List



Last updated 7/31/2020

Members

Howard Cravens
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We Pray for Those in the Military:

Rob Aikman, Bobbie Backes, Noah Burkham,
Phillip Johnston, Jeremiah & Rachel Singletary,
Brandon Trail, Trysten Hall, Lucas Ward,
Katy Taylor

Friends & Family

Misty Mochel (friend of Marci Baumann)
Gary & Diane Lockwood (Friends of Nancy Ellen Taylor)
Amy Blackburn (friend of Marci Baumann)
Barb Disney (Friend of Penny Rutherford)
Shannon Francisco (Friend of Bob Smith)
Bryanna Shaw (Friend of Maria Jacobs)
Timothy Littrell (friend of the Lintons & the Bednars)
Brook Stewart (Parents friend of Jim & Pamela Bednar)
John Burton (Nephew of Carrie Funk)
Janet May Carpenter (mother of Karma Lynn Carpenter)
Mark Boline (son of Louise Boline)
Jonas Fagin (grandson of Al & Chris Fagin)
Gerald Spencer II (father of Ashely Sparks)
Richard & Ruth Albin (cousins of Nancy Ellen Taylor)
Keith Bess (friend of Gregg & Linda Foltz)
Bob Dorsey (friend of Jim Bednar)
Anne Hostetler (friend of many CCC members)
Jeff Pritts (son of Eleanor Pritts)
Michael Moran (son in law of Larry & Marla Winkleblack)
Catherine Bower (friend of Jerry Bean)
Carter Goodman (nephew of Greg & Gale Barnes)
Andy Harbeck (friend of Donna Dash)
John Allen (friend of Donna Dash)
Melissa Phelps (friend of Derald Hartley)
Jill Bolin (Larry & Marla Winkleblack's daughter)