

August 29, 2021

Worship 9:30am

Safe Sanctuary Training 10:45am

PRELUDE

Karla Leuenberg, pianist

WELCOME

Pastor Ruth Harder

CALL TO PRAISE *from Psalm 63*

Leroy Seat

Leader: You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you;

**People: I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you,
in a dry and parched land
where there is no water.**

Leader: I have seen you in the sanctuary
and beheld your power and your glory.

**People: Because your love is better than life,
my lips will glorify you.**

Leader: I will praise you as long as I live,
and in your name I will lift up my hands.

**People: I will be fully satisfied as with the richest of foods;
with singing lips my mouth will praise you.**

HYMN VT 190

The God of Sarah Praise

*During this time of Covid precautions, we encourage you to hum
as the piano plays the three stanzas of this hymn.*

MOMENT OF WONDER

Sarah Neher

SCRIPTURE/TEACHING Genesis 26

Ruth Harder

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Vocalise

Rachmaninoff

Andy Toews, trombone; Rosi Penner Kaufman, piano

OFFERTORY

SHARING JOY

We welcome the introduction of guests and visitors during this time.

SHARING CONCERNS

As we share our joys and concerns, please be mindful of those gathered remotely.

PRAYING TOGETHER

Slips of paper are available in the pew racks for those who wish to offer joys and concerns silently and anonymously. These papers, if put in the offering plate, will be placed in the prayer bowl table at the front of the sanctuary.

VT 622 Jesus, Rock of Ages

POSTLUDE

After the postlude, please exit the sanctuary for fellowship time outside.

Caring Notes

- Catherine Boyt's mother Fran Benson died on August 21, after having an extensive stroke the week before. Catherine, who recently moved to Canada, is grateful that she was able to spend time with her parents in Peterborough Ontario.
- We remember all the students and teachers returning to the classroom this month. We hope all can find joy in learning in spite of the particular challenges this year is bringing.
- Please pray for Grace Parker Sutter's family as they remember her grandfather Dale McKee who passed away two weeks ago. He died peacefully and the family was able to celebrate his life together last weekend.
- Nancy Bosché is at home recuperating from a stay in the hospital with pneumonia. David is her special nurse and they appreciate all of the well wishes and continued prayers.
- Great News! Pat and John Bertsche are home from the nursing/rehab facility. Check out the meal train link for information on how to provide a dinner. <https://mealtrain.com/3088qw>
- I would like to thank the congregation for their cards and kind expressions of sympathy at the passing of my brother, Donald. – Brenda Tatro

Upcoming Events

- August 29, Safe Sanctuary training and discussion following worship in the Sanctuary or by Zoom
- September 5th, Outdoor Congregational Worship and Picnic in the Park
- September 8th, Choir Rehearsal Kickoff
- September 12th, Fall Kick-off, Sunday School for all ages begins and resume fellowship hour outdoors with doughnuts.
- October 2nd, Intergenerational Bike/Walk on the Katy Trail
- October 31st, Intergenerational Graveyard Fun with Pastor Ruth

Rainbow News

The Nursery is open. It will not be staffed but will be available for families to use. There are also other spaces available for families to use: Sunflower Room (west of Sanctuary), nursery (2nd level education wing. Limited to 4 families, overflow nursery space is in the preschool classroom across the hall.), or Whitmore Playground (across the street east of the church).

RAINBOW STRINGS AUGUST 29

Calling all string players! The Star of the County Down is the tune to work on - 412 in the Voices Together Hymnal. We'll also review past material and enjoy a time of playing together. Meet in the Wesley Room at 4:00p.m.

Church directory updates! As usual, there is much coming and going in the Rainbow congregation. New folks have moved here and some long-time members have moved away. Please be sure to check out the password protected section of our church website for the most up to date directory!

End of summer picnic- Worship, play, and reconnect at Rainbow's Labor Day Picnic on September 5th! We will begin with worship in the north parking lot at 10:00 am, followed by an intergenerational activity. We will conclude our time with a picnic. Please bring your own meal, a lawn chair, and outdoor games.

Rainbow's annual Safe Sanctuary training and discussion will be held this coming Sunday, August 29, at 10:45 am in the Sanctuary (or Zoom for those joining at a distance). While all Rainbow adults are encouraged to attend the annual training, we require participation from the following: All congregants wishing to serve or volunteer with youth and children, staff, Faith Formation Board, Deacons and Church Council members. Note: The Rainbow Safe Sanctuary Committee oversees annual training/education on our Abuse Prevention Policy. This Council-appointed Committee includes Rod Kliewer (past moderator), Ruth Harder (pastor), Joshua Chittum (chair), Leah Schwarz, Peggy Coriell



To view the Abuse Prevention Policy on your smart phone simply point your camera at this QR code to load.

Rainbow Choir! I know many of us have missed singing. I am hoping that the choir can gather again to sing, and I am doing my best to take every precaution. Here's the plan: we will gather on Wednesday evenings at 6:45 to sing, in the sanctuary, spaced as far apart as possible. I'll have special singer's masks available (if you already have one, please bring it). We'll have fans going for ventilation and keep rehearsal to one hour. For those who would like to gather for fellowship, please bring your own dinner and we can meet in the playground at 6:15. Choir is open to anyone who enjoys singing and it is a unique way to participate in worship. If you have any questions, please contact Rosi.

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