

SOUTH COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Karen Sorden

Sunday, July 14, 2024

Prelude “O Happy Day!”

Greeting

***Call to Worship (congregation in bold)**

Bear one another’s burdens.

In this way, we fulfill the law of Christ.

Carry each other’s joys and sorrows;

For we are in this together, one body in Christ.

Do not grow weary in doing what is right;

For we know God’s abundant love in Christ.

Work for the good of all, especially for the family of faith;

For we are in this together, and we do not give up.

We enter this time of worship:

One body, one love, in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

***Opening Hymn “Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know” pg. 163**

***Unison Opening Prayer**

Blessed are you, O God! Glorious is your name in all the earth! We celebrate who you are and all that you have done for us. You hold our lives in your hands and catch us when we stumble. We gather together today, led by your Holy Spirit, to worship you: to sing your praise, to confess our mistakes, to receive your love and mercy, all made possible through the sacrifice of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Be present among us as we worship you and open ourselves to your Word. To you be all glory, now and forever. Amen.

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy One, why is it we grow weary of doing what is right yet energetically do what we know can be harmful to us and to others? We sow seeds of hurt and anger yet wonder why we harvest so much bitterness. We spend too much time comparing ourselves to those

around us and too few moments following Christ's example. Rather than letting our sins gloat over us, Healing God, we open ourselves to your mercy and grace. As you reach out to heal us with your forgiveness, may we embrace your love, your mercy, and your grace for our lives. As you pour out your Spirit of gentleness upon us, may we bring the peace of our Savior, Jesus Christ, to all the world. Amen.

A Moment for Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness (congregation in bold)

Sing praises to our God, faithful children. God has heard our prayers and made us whole.

We will not be silent. We will sing our joy to the One who has forgiven us and made us a new creation. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Sermon “Remembering the Beginning” – 1 Cor. 1:18-25 & 2:1-5

***Hymn of Response “The Old Rugged Cross” pg. 504**

Ministry of Prayer

Offering our Tithes and Gifts to God

***Doxology “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow” pg. 95**

***Unison Prayer of Dedication**

In the offering of our gifts, as well as the living of our days, O God, may we not grow weary of doing what is right, but commit to speaking up for the voiceless, healing the broken, feeding the hungry, and all those mercies which are a part of your heart and hopes for all your children. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

***Closing Hymn “O Happy Day, That Fixed My Choice” pg. 391**

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

***Please stand as you are able.**

Accompanist: Megan Schihl

Welcome Rev. Karen Sorden!

**Church will be starting at 9:00 a.m.
next Sunday!**

**Check the bulletin board for more
announcements**

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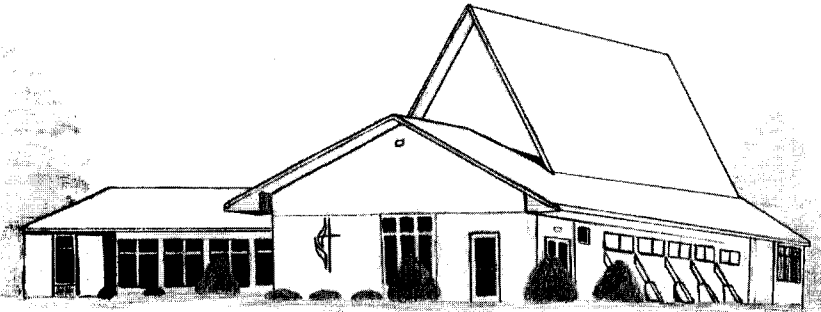


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**Worship: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 11:00 a.m.**