

## Welcome

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! We are so glad to have you joining with us as we praise the God of all creation! Please stay after worship for a time of fellowship and a piece of cake. It is a special time in our worship today as we bless our kids and their backpacks as begin another school year! May God be with them and us .. even as we gather and worship Him! Come, let us worship. . . .

### Gathering Song: Bless His Holy Name

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all that is within me,  
Bless His holy Name. (Repeat)

He has done great things,  
He has done great things,  
He has done great things,  
Bless His holy Name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all that is within me,  
Bless His holy Name.

### Gathering Time

#### \*Call to Worship:

Leader: This is the day that you have made, Lord!

**PEOPLE:** Help us to rejoice and be glad.

Leader: Remind us of the privileges we enjoy as your people:

**PEOPLE:** to come to you in these moments,  
to confess our sin,  
to receive forgiveness and give it,  
to pray and sing and listen,  
to be reminded how faithful and good you are!

Leader: As the family of God, let us give thanks to the Lord...

**PEOPLE:** for he is good, and we are so glad  
that his faithful love lasts forever, forever, forever!

## **Song of Praise: Forever**

Give thanks to the Lord our God and King,  
His love endures forever.  
For He is good, He is above all things.  
His love endures forever.  
Sing praise, sing praise.

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm,  
His love endures forever.  
And for the life that's been reborn,  
His love endures forever.  
Sing praise, sing praise.  
Sing praise, sing praise.

Forever God is faithful,  
Forever God is strong,  
Forever God is with us,  
Forever....forever.

From the rising to the setting sun,  
His love endures forever.  
And by the grace of God we will carry on.  
His love endures forever.  
Sing praise, sing praise.  
Sing praise, sing praise.

Forever God is faithful,  
Forever God is strong,  
Forever God is with us,  
Forever and ever and ever.  
Forever God is faithful,  
Forever God is strong,  
Forever God is with us,  
Forever, forever, forever.

## **Prayer of Praise**

### **Invitation to Confession**

#### **Song: Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus**

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face,  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,  
In the light of His glory and grace.

## **Prayer of Confession**

God, You call us to step out in faith,  
to place our lives in Your hands,  
and to wholeheartedly commit to following You.

We confess that we find this difficult to do.

It is not always easy to follow where You lead—  
to turn away from our own personal wants and desires,  
to let go of our safety nets  
and trust that You will provide for us in all things.

Forgive us when we doubt You, God.

Increase our faith.

Help us to turn our eyes on you and you alone.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

## **Assurance of Pardon**

### **\*Sharing the Peace of Christ**

### **Children's Time**

#### **Song: Who's the King of the Jungle**

Who's the king of the jungle?  
Who's the king of the sea?  
Who's the king of the universe,  
and who's the king of me?

I'll tell you,  
J-E-S-U-S, yes,  
he's the king of me;  
he's the king of the universe,  
the jungle and the sea.

### **Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture Lesson:** Matthew 14:22-33

**Sermon:** Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

### **Prayer of Blessing**

**Ministry of Music:** *The Anchor Holds ...* Mike DeVries

**Sharing our Joys and Concerns**

**Prayers of the People**

## \*Song of Faith: He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

He's got the whole world in his hands  
He's got the whole wide world in his hands  
He's got the whole world in his hands (sing twice)

He's got the kids and their backpacks in his hands (sing 3 times)  
He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got all of creation in his hands (sing three times)  
He's got the whole world in his hands!

## \*Prayer and Blessing of Backpacks

Leader: What words of blessing can we share with these kids?

**PEOPLE: Lord, bless these BACKPACKS  
and the kids who carry them.**

**May this year be amazing and wonderful.  
Help them know that Jesus is always with them.  
Hold these backpacks  
and these kids in your loving hands!**

## \*Blessing Song: Family of God

I'm so glad I'm a part of the Family of God,  
I've been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His blood.  
Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod.  
For I'm part of the family, The Family of God

*We thank you for worshipping with us and hope you will join us for a piece of cake! If you would like to know more about FOGCC—please let us know. God bless you and your backpack!*

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# Family Of God Community Church

## This week at FOGCC

### Today:

4:00pm - Adult Summer Picnic at the Maatman's

### Wednesday:

9:30am: WOW meets at FOGCC. Join us for Bible Study and prayer.

## Serving in the Family of God - today /next week:

Snacks/Juice: Parks & Boeskools / *Nottelmanns*

Nursery: Margaret Feravich / *Sue Ellen McCreary*

Media: Jim M. -Worship in the Park / *Rick Boss*

Hosts: *McCarty's / McCarty's*

Children in Worship: NA -Worship in the Park / *Nancy Peterson*

## Birthdays This Week

Tuesday – Mia Janke

Thursday – Jean Hirdes

Saturday – Margaret Feravich

## Announcements

**Summer has been wonder-full!** And, it is wonderful having so many “lake” friends worshipping with us during the summer. Wonder if any of you would like to stay in touch throughout the year? Please make sure we have your home mailing address. If you would like to be on our FOGCC mailing list please send us an email at [fogcc@fogcc.com](mailto:fogcc@fogcc.com). Your support of our ministry is wonderful!

**Will you help us plan our COMMUNITY DINNERS?** These dinners are an amazing way for us to REACH OUT to our community... but we need YOUR HELP. Please come to a planning meeting on Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm if you can cook, clean, greet, or help in any way.

**The Labor Day parade is Sunday, September 3rd.** Please join us! If you have any questions, call or email Kathy Maatman. We are looking for donations for the “Back to School” themed parade. There is a labeled tote in the back of the sanctuary to place donations. In need of: Pencils, candy (nothing that will melt!), pencil bags, notebooks, or anything else that kids can use for school. If you would like to join us in the parade there is a signup sheet in the back of the sanctuary.

**Subs and Suds?** Find out on Sunday, September 17, following worship. You will not want to miss this.

**Future dates to note**

**Wednesday, August 30**

2:00pm – Coordinating Committee meeting

7:00pm – Community Dinner planning meeting

**Sunday, September 3, 1:00pm – Labor Day Parade**

**Sunday, September 17 following worship**

Kick off ministry for the new year

**Wednesday, September 20, Wonderful, Wacky Wednesday begins!**

If you have a question, suggestion or concern, please share it with us.

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