

September 24, 2023, 9:30 a.m.
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome Guests! It is a pleasure to have you worship with us today! In the mighty name of our living Lord Jesus,

We welcome you to this service of celebration. May you feel Christ's presence, hear his Word proclaimed, and be blessed, and renewed.

The asterisk () Indicates to please stand, if you are able.*

Large print bulletins are available from the ushers.

Gathering

Donations for the **Bread of Life Homeless Shelter**. Our 2023 Local Mission Initiative: \$2500/year, \$50 per week goal.
Contributions as of 09/17/2023: \$2,128.40



**Bread of Life
Homeless Shelter**

Finding Our Quiet Center
Prelude (Surely the Presence)
Hymn #328 (We Invite You To Sing Along)

Lighting of the Candles

Opening Prayer

***Call to Worship**

Lay Leader

One: We come, those who seek to trust in God.

All: **We commit ourselves to do as Jesus would do for those around us.**

One: We come delighting in all the wonders God provides for us.

All: **We would not worry; but open ourselves to God's heart.**

One: We come, waiting patiently for God to speak.

All: **We will be still, listening for God's words of hope, of peace.**

***Hymn: "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"**

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Our Time of Prayer

Pastor Gastonguay

We come together with prayers of Joy & Thanksgiving, and with prayers for Love, Healing and Wholeness. We come with prayers for ourselves, for others, and with prayer for our homes, and the world around us. Today, is there an experience of God that you might share in praise of God?

The 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

Responding to God's Grace and the Proclamation of the Word

Offertory Invitation

Doxology

Hymn #95

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow; praise Him all creatures here below, praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

Our Prayer of Dedication (Shared together)

Lay Leader

You pour out grace upon us, Loving God, not so we might be filled, but we might empty ourselves for others. Take these gifts we offer in these moments and use them to bring new life and hope to all around us. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

Scripture:

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 105:1-6, NRSV pg.556 Lay Leader
New Testament Reading: Revelation 4: 1-11 NRSV pg.247 Pastor Neil
May God Bless the reading and hearing of this Holy Word

Response: Amen

Morning Message

Pastor Gastonguay

"A View Into Heaven"

*Hymn: "It Is Well With My Soul" (vs 1, 3, 4)

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Time of Joys & Celebrations

Benediction

Postlude – "Let There Be Peace on Earth" Please remain seated

Hymn: We Invite You to Sing Along

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- Current and Past Union Rider Newsletters.
- Information on our Memorial Garden for interment of ashes.
- Links to our United Methodist Conference website for current information, programs and events, and news about the United Methodist Church in general.
- A version of our Sunday Bulletin and Insert for each week.

Guest Pastor: Rev. Neil Gastonguay

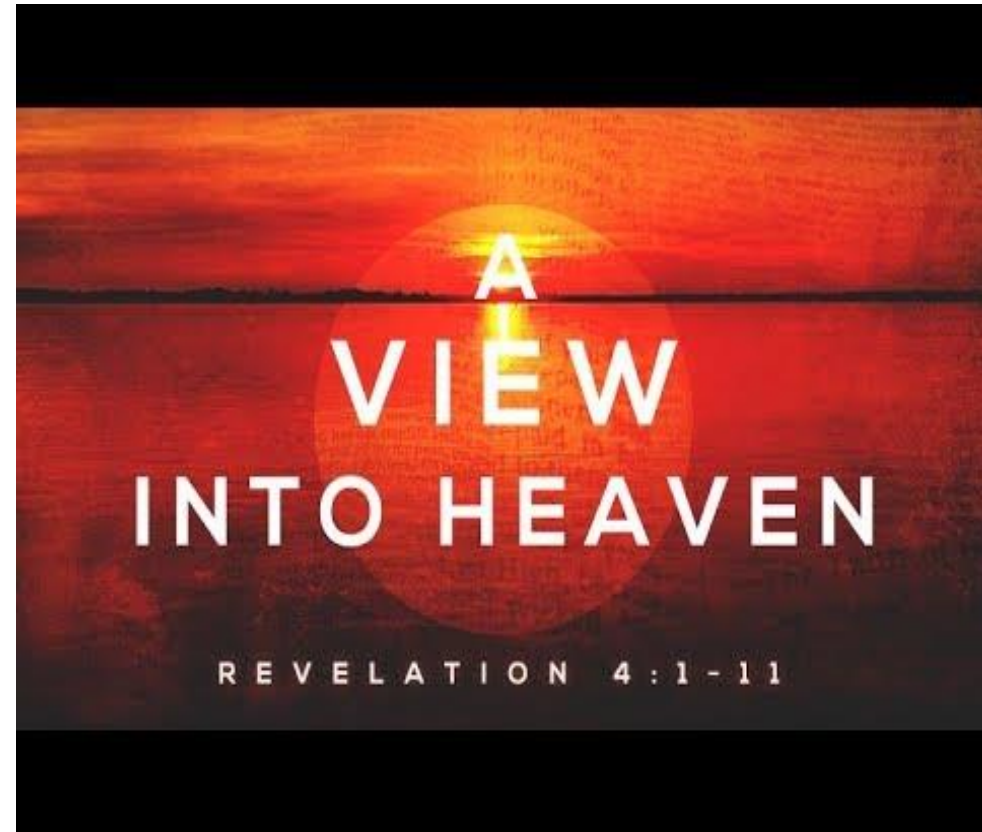
Lay Leaders: Carol Johnson & Kathy Gerard

Choir Director: Don Petersen

Pianist/Organist: Alice VanDerwerken **Sexton:** Ernie Merckens

Office Support Ministry: Kathy Gerard

*Altar arrangement today is given
to the Glory of God by: Kathy Gerard in Celebration of
Grandson Christopher's 16th Birthday*



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Union Church of Belgrade Lakes
a United Methodist Church

Our Mission is to live our experience of God's love in all that we say and do...

Our Vision is to be a growing spiritual faith community in the manner of Christ, where all are welcome and cared for...