

## 09-14-2025 Worship Service

Good morning! **Welcome!**

It's been quite a week; I'm grateful for the opportunity to come together to worship God, to be reminded that we are followers of Jesus of Nazareth, the Prince of Peace in whom we live and move and have our being and to remember that Jesus lives and moves and has his being in us.

It's an honor and I'm excited to hear from Pastor Jim Klassen this morning; I know this message has been on his heart and I'm eager to hear what God has given him. Thank you, Jim, you're your eager willingness to bring the gospel here to us this morning!

What are the **announcements** you bring to share with one another?

### **Call to Worship --**

**Opening Prayer** – O God, let us take these words deep into our being this morning. Let us be crystal clear that YOU are our refuge and strength and that you are with us. We thank you for your presence here; let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts honor you.

### **Morning Prayer –**

Dear God, we pray for the endeavors and events of our congregation that are coming up this week. We pray that they would be blessed by your Spirit and that your Love would be known at each event. We pray for the mid-week orientation and the Safe Church Training on Wednesday evening. May we come together with open minds and curious hearts and the desire for everyone to be safe. We pray for the Sr. Coffee on Thursday, that that may be a fun and meaningful time of learning and fellowshiping together.

We continue to keep Steve and Sandy in our prayers, Lord. May your Presence of Love and Comfort continue to surround and uphold them.

We're grateful for the Biblical story that we'll hear again this morning; there's so much in this story for us to learn from and incorporate into our lives. Bless Jim as he brings the message; may we have ears to hear the truths that he shares with us.

Lord God, we bring you the troubles of our world. We know that violence brings more violence, fear spirals into deeper fear and that hatred produces more hatred. We know that Jesus taught us to face violence with non-violent courage, to deal with fear by bringing hope and compassion and to challenge hatred with your truth. We are deeply saddened by ALL the violence that happened this past week. There were more shootings in and around schools, there was an assassination, there is continuing war and starvation in many places around the world. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers – for healing, for hope, for forgiveness, for your Spirit, the Spirit of Jesus to ultimately prevail in this world.

Be with us now as we continue to worship. Bless us as we give our tithes and offerings as an act of faithful worship. Amen.

**Offering Prayer** – Bless these offerings of money, O God. Bless all the gifts we receive from you and give back to you, the gifts of our time, our talents, our thoughts, our words, our lives. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.