

## Welcome to Worship

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September 16, 2018

10:30 A.M.

\* Please stand if you are able.

PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Lisa Cook  
GREET ONE ANOTHER /INTRODUCTIONS

\* CALL TO WORSHIP Sue Dexter

Leader: The grace, mercy and peace of Christ Jesus be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: The Milky Way speaks of God's glory,

**People: The change of seasons tells of God's handiwork.**

Leader: Day after day we are witnesses to God's good gifts.

**People: Night after night God offers us comfort.**

Leader: Let the words of our mouth, and the meditation of our hearts, be acceptable in your sight,

**People: O God, our rock and our redeemer.**

\* THE HYMN "I Will Call Upon the Lord" #2002

\* OPENING PRAYER

**O God, we awaken this morning to change. We see changes in the weather, in our programs, in our lives and in the life of our church. Help us to acknowledge your loving presence, and awaken within us a recognition of your constant care--like a child recognizing the care of a loving parent. Enable us to have an ongoing dialogue with you, and to eagerly receive guidance from your Holy Spirit. Let our whole church awaken into songs of love and delight. In the name of Christ Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(Youth grades 1-6 and helpers leave for KIDSCHURCH)

**Hold your prayer cards up for the ushers to collect.**

A STATEMENT OF FAITH #883

SCRIPTURE READING James 3:1-12

SERMON "Set Us Ablaze, O Lord!" Rev. Lisa Cook

SHIRT SLEEVE CHOIR "Old Rugged Cross" #504

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE  
(I Have Decided to Follow Jesus)

THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

OFFERTORY (My Gratitude Now I Accept, O God)  
GIVING OUR GIFTS TO GOD (Doxology) #94

(Loose change mission money for September is our Sanford Food Pantry)

\* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Loving God, may we truly love Jesus without reservation and follow him without defection. Let us neither go looking for suffering nor try to avoid it when it comes as a consequence of our love and service to him. We give these financial gifts as a measure of how much we love and wish to serve Jesus fully. It is in his name's sake we pray. Amen.**

\* VIDEO "And All the People Said Amen"

\* THE DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING "Woke up This Morning"

## SERVING THE LORD

Minister: Rev. Lisa Cook  
Organist: Lois McJames  
Choir Director: Megan Barnard  
Treasurer: Ronda Bowen  
Nursery Workers: Jill Dougherty, Hannah Ordiway  
KIDSCHURCH: Cassie Foley, Gayle Swanson  
Lay Reader: Sue Dexter  
Ushers: Chris & Jean Thompson, Dave & Dustin Sutton  
Greeters: Jay & Bev Morgan  
Counters: Bob & Sharon Raymond, Gary & Brenda Boots  
Trustee for September: Rick Foley (Becky Bastuk)  
Fellowship Hour September 16: Worship  
Fellowship Hour September 23: Choir

## *Anniversaries & Birthdays*

*Sept. 16 Linda Allen, Adam Sian*

*Sept. 17 Dan Ranck*

*Sept. 18 Dorothy Banks*

*Sept. 19 Sandra Gay, Dawn Spangler*

*Sept. 22 Carol Hale*



Altar Flowers

*Altar flowers are given by  
Worship Committee to the  
Glory of our Living God*

## Facts and Figures

Marvelous Monday Attend. 9/3:	33	Offering	\$94.00
Worship Attendance 9/9:	70	Offering	\$2,131.00
Adult Sunday School:	7		
Nursery:	1		
Building Fund YTD: \$5,500.00	(Balance: \$24,465.05)		
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