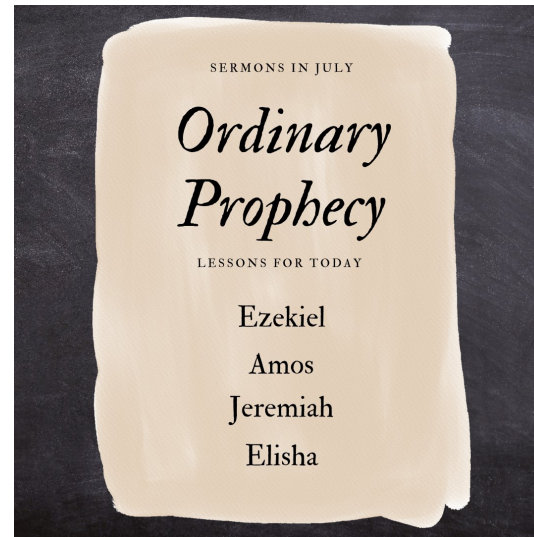


Today's altar flowers are in memory of Jim Tucker and his father, Ulys Arnold Tucker by Mrs. Jim Tucker and Family

"Ordinary Prophecy" Sermon Series



For the month of July, get ready to go old-school in worship! We are going to listen to some of the prophets of the Old Testament and hear what they have to say to us today in our modern lives. Anticipate lots of favorite hymns and praise songs, as well as ancient words of Truth and Life!

July 4: Ezekiel 2:1-5; Psalm 123, Reacting or Responding?
 July 11: Amos 7:7-15; Psalm 85:8-13, Are We Qualified?
 July 18: Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 23, Defining the Relationship
 July 25: 2 Kings 4:42044; Psalm 145:10, Well Supplied

Need someone to talk to? Contact Pastor Miriam. Central also offers **Stephen Ministers**—lay Christian friends trained to help through times of crisis. The pastor can get you in touch with one.



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Sunday School – 9:30 AM
 Worship – 10:30 AM

Bible Reading for July 11

Amos 7:7-15; Psalm 85:8-13 Are We Qualified? • *Amos tells the priest Amaziah that he is actually a shepherd and a gardener. Yet God uses him as a prophet. Have you ever had to step up and help with something that was outside of your comfort zone? How did you respond? Has God ever called you to do something for which you felt unqualified?*

There will be a **churchwide pot-luck** on Sunday, **July 11th**. Please bring a friend and a side dish. No peanuts. Please note if your dish has tree nuts or dairy.

The **5:15 am Exercise Class** has resumed in the gymnasium. Class is on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. The instructor is Carmen Schrenkel and consists of weights and cardio. Fees will be collected quarterly.

July Financials

Needed Weekly	\$15,559
Needed for July	\$62,235
Received through June	\$70,032

Last Week's Attendance

In-person:	147
Online:	53

Calendar

Sunday, July 4

9:15 AM Crossroads (Rm 209)
 Cornerstone (LFH), Agape (L),
 Lovett (Rm 208), Bates/Godwin
 (Rm 213), Good Fellowship (CH)
 10:30 AM Worship Service

Monday, July 5

Church Office Closed-4th of July

Tuesday, July 6

5:15 AM Exercise Class, G
 8:00 AM Centering Prayer, CH
 2:30 PM Prayer Team
 5:30 PM Small Group Music, S

Wednesday, July 7

5:15 AM Exercise Class, G

Thursday, July 8

7:00 AM, Men's Java Jaay Bible

Friday, July 9

9:00 AM, Women's Java Jaay Bible

CH- Chapel
 FH- Fellowship Hall
 LFH- Lower Fellowship Hall
 S- Sanctuary
 L- Library
 G- Gym

Check our website for up-to-date calendar.
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Music Director: Susan Thompson

Organist: Virginia Paul

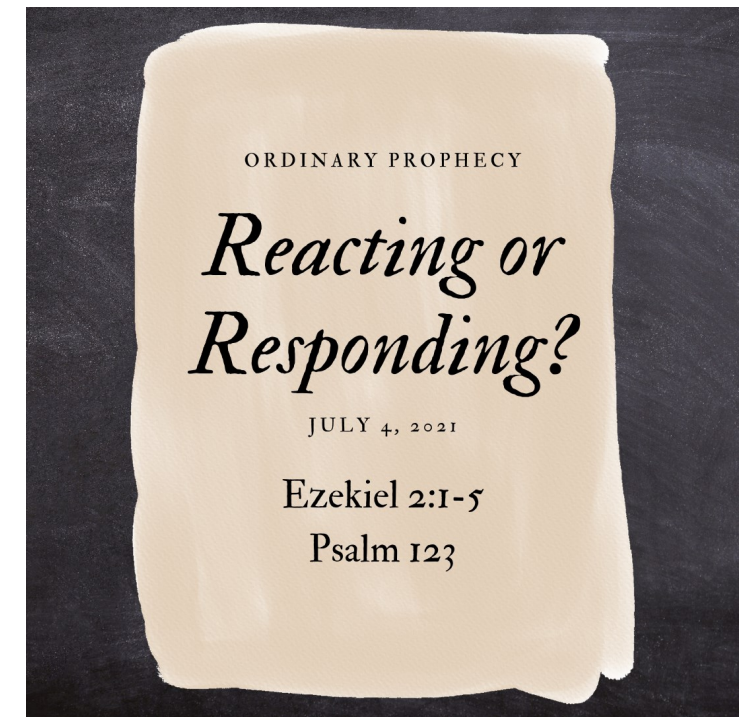
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Call to Worship Courtesy of Ministry Matters



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July 4, 2021
 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
 10:30 AM

Please silence electronic devices.
 *Stand at these points, as you're comfortable.

Musical Gift "A Patriotic Quotation"

Hughes

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Open wide the doorways of our sanctuary!
May the king of glory come into our midst.
 Who is this king of glory?
This king of glory is our Savior Jesus Christ.
 Open the doors of our hearts to receive Jesus Christ.
May our spirits and our hearts receive his blessing
now and forever. AMEN.

*Hymn #696 "America the Beautiful"

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain;
 for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
 America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
 and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.
 O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,

who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!
America! America! May God thy gold refine, till all success be nobleness,
and every gain divine.

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years thine alabaster cities gleam,
undimmed by human tears! America! America! God mend thine every flaw,
confirm thy soul in self control, thy liberty in law.

*Affirmation of Faith *Apostle's Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
The third day he rose from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic* church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**universal*

*Greeting

Special Music “I Must Tell Jesus with Blessed Assurance” *Arr. Mary McDonald*

Prayers of the People

**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 for ever. Amen.**

Children's Message

Debbie Looney

Bible Reading — 2 Ezekiel 2:1-5; Psalm 123

—[Prayer]

**Lord, open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

He said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD." Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them. .

Psalm 123—I raise my eyes to you—you who rule heaven. Just as the eyes of servants attend to their masters' hand, just as the eyes of a female servant attend to her mistress' hand—that's how our eyes attend to the Lord our God until he has mercy on us.

Have mercy on us, Lord! Have mercy because we've had more than enough shame. We've had more than enough mockery from the self-confident, more than enough shame from the proud.

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Message — “Reacting or Responding?”

Rev. Miriam Smith

Closing Hymn #437 “This is My Song”

This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;
but other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
O hear my song, thou God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.

This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms:
Thy kingdom come; on earth they will be done.
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him,
and hearts united learn to live as one.
O hear my prayer, thou God of all the nations;
myself I give thee; let thy will be done.

*Sending Forth

*Musical Gift “My Country, 'Tis of Thee”

Arr. Turner