

WORSHIP IN THE PARK

We hope today's worship service was a positive experience for you. If you have questions or comments you would like to share with us concerning today's worship, please feel free to call any of the participating churches listed below. Also, please know you are always welcome at any of the regularly scheduled worship services held each week at our churches.

Bloom City United Methodist Church	549-2631
Boaz United Methodist Church	536-3603
Church of the Nazarene	647-4724
First Baptist Church	647-8662
Five Points Lutheran Church	536-3877
Grace Community Church	647-2222
Grand View Family Worship	647-3350
Peace United Methodist Church	647-4559
Richland Center Fellowship	647-7226
Richland Center Free Methodist Church	647-4141
St. John's Lutheran Church	647-3000
Trinity United Methodist Church	647-3203



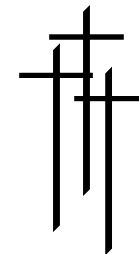
Thank you for your demonstration of Christian Unity by participating in today's worship service and fellowship. Your presence is a great testimony to the power of Christ to unite hearts. God Bless you!



LABOR DAY WEEKEND WORSHIP IN THE PARK

10:00 a.m.

Sunday, September 1, 2019



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OUR PASTORS:

Jan Star	Bloom City United Methodist Church Boaz United Methodist Church
Jonathan Young	Church of the Nazarene
Ron Fruit	First Baptist Church
Larry Engel	Five Points Lutheran Church
Leland Schmidt	Grace Community Church
Tom Coleman	Grand View Family Worship
Rey Diaz	Peace United Methodist Church Trinity United Methodist Church
Mike Breininger	Richland Center Fellowship
Dale Kaufman	Richland Center Free Methodist Church
Michelle Elfers	St. John's Lutheran Church
Wayne Fife	Retired



Our thanks to all who helped to make our worshipping together a success! We appreciate your good work! God Bless!

Please stay after the worship service to share a meal together. Through the donations of participating churches, brats, hamburgers, salads and desserts are provided.

The Worship Team Band Members are made up of musicians who love to play for the Lord. They are from the churches involved in this year's service. The Worship Leader for this group is Pam Peterson-Kintz.

**Organizing churches for this year's
Labor Day Service in the Park event:**

Boaz & Bloom City UMC's
Five Points Lutheran Church
St. John's Lutheran Church

**ORDER OF SERVICE
WORSHIP IN THE PARK
SEPTEMBER 1, 2019**

Theme: "Unity In Christ"

*Welcome to worship on this Labor Day weekend.
We're pleased that you have joined us
as fellow workers in God's Kingdom.*

Welcome *Pastor Larry Engel*

Invocation/Call to Worship *Pastor Larry Engel*

Apostle's Creed: *Pastor Larry Engel*

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;
he descended to the grave,

On 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 living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Amen

Worship in Song: Hymn Medley

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration!

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee,
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

How Great Thou Art

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee,
How great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee,
How great thou art, how great thou art!

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided,
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

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

A Brief History of Worship in the Park

What started as a dream in 2004 between three area churches and their pastors: Pastor Chuck Hayes: Church of the Nazarene, Pastor Greg Marsh: Free Methodist Church and Pastor Tom Tarver: Peace United Methodist Church, became a reality in 2005 when we launched our very first “Worship In The Park” on Labor Day Sunday. Why would three pastors of different denominations want to have a worship service together? Well, a hope to see area churches come together in Christian unity, involve the community on a more spiritual level and lowered church attendance on Labor Day Sunday, are only three of the reasons.

Our purpose is twofold and has never changed. We want to honor Christ through Christian unity in a community worship setting and to foster the fellowship and harmony between community Christian congregations.

These three churches, with their dream, has now grown to thirteen area churches becoming involved. This year we welcome First Baptist Church as our newest church to become involved with Worship in the Park.

What originally started as a dream has become a reality! It is our hope to see that dream stay a reality for many more years to come. All it takes is team effort on the part of the churches and the community to keep us going strong. It’s an awesome experience!

Pastor Chuck Hayes was the last pastor of the three to leave the area. The three pastors hoped the churches involved would continue with the dream and to grow. Worship in the Park is now a part of the Richland County Ministerial Association.

Our thanks to all of you who came today to worship with us and help keep the dream alive. Whether you were part of the service or not, your presence means a lot to all of us involved.

We thank you very much! God Bless!

Happy Labor Day!

LYDIA'S HOUSE MINISTRIES

Lydia's House Ministries was established by the churches in Richland Center area and now operates as an independent corporation with an IRS 501(c)(3) status and operates the following ministries.

Lydia's House Shelter

A 15 day shelter for homeless people in emergency circumstances that provides shelter, food, spiritual care, and assistance with housing and employment.

A Child's Place

A 90 day shelter for homeless people with children providing shelter, food, spiritual care, and professional assistance and training for families to become independent in housing and food.

A Family's Place

A 2 year housing transition program for homeless families that are trained in finances, education, family care, employment, and other areas that will help people break the cycle of homelessness.

The Youth and Family Initiative

An advisor works with children and families in the Richland Middle School to help people apply the principles of Christ in their lives and families.

These ministries help hundreds of people each year with no government funding. The entire budget of Lydia's House Ministries comes from the donations of caring people with the love of Jesus extended to those in need.

Please help support Lydia's House Ministries. Today's offering will be given to aid in their very worthwhile ministry..

Is He Worthy

Congregation sings the bold print

Verse 1

Do you feel the world is broken

We do

Do you feel the shadows deepen

We do

But do you know that all the dark

Won't stop the light from getting through

We do

Do you wish that you could see it all made new

We do

Verse 2

Is all creation groaning

It is

Is a new creation coming

It is

Is the glory of the Lord

To be the light within our midst

It is

Is it good that we remind ourselves of this

It is

Chorus 1 (all sing)

Is anyone worthy, Is anyone whole

Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll

The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave

He is David's Root

And the Lamb who died to ransom the slave

Is He worthy, Is He worthy

Of all blessing and honor and glory

Is He worthy of this

He is

Verse 3

Does the Father truly love us

He does

Does the Spirit move among us

He does

Before I spoke a word You were singing over me

And does Jesus our Messiah

Hold forever those He loves

He does

Does our God intend to dwell again with us

He does

Chorus 2 (*all sing*)

Is anyone worthy, Is anyone whole

Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll

The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave

He is David's Root

And the Lamb who died to ransom the slave

From ev'ry people and tribe every nation and tongue

He has made us a kingdom and priests

To God to reign with the Son

Is He worthy, Is He worthy

Of all blessing and honor and glory

Is He worthy, Is He worthy

Is He worthy of this, He is

Ending (*all sing*)

Is He worthy, Is He worthy

He is, He is

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About the Speaker:

Chaplain, Major General Cecil R. Richardson`

U.S. Air Force, Retired

Chaplain, Major General Cecil R. Richardson served 41½ years in the military. Shortly after graduating from Richland Center High School, he received a Vietnam-era draft notice and enlisted in the Air Force. His first assignment was Syracuse University, where he received a degree in the Russian language. He was subsequently assigned to monitor Russian missile launches along the Black Sea in Turkey. After a year and a half in Turkey, he was reassigned to the National Security Agency (NSA) in Washington, DC. Two years later he separated from the Air Force to prepare for a life of Christian ministry.

Cecil attended Central Bible College; the University of Wisconsin, Richland Campus; Evangel University; Trinity Evangelical Divinity School; and Wesley Seminary. Upon ordination, he pastored a church briefly and re-entered the Air Force, this time as a chaplain. He retired in 2012 as the Chief of Air Force Chaplains, Chairman of the Armed Forces Chaplains Board, and Advisor to Secretary of Defense and Joint Chiefs of Staff on religious, ethical, and quality-of-life concerns.

Chaplain Richardson and his wife, Dr. Jan Richardson, an author and literacy consultant, have three sons: Steve, an Air Force lieutenant colonel (chaplain) stationed in San Antonio, Texas; Jim, Director of Foreign Assistance, the State Department, Washington, DC; and Mike, Chief Electrical Engineer, Los Alamos Nuclear Laboratories, Los Alamos, New Mexico.

Although Cecil and Jan have logged millions of miles in around the world travel in service to the Lord and our country, their hearts have always been in the woodlands of southwest Wisconsin. They love fishing, hunting, clearing trails, pruning trees on their tree farm, working in their church and operating a forest playground for their six grandchildren.

A Theological Note: The pastors at the service today are very aware of the difference in thoughts and theologies around this common table we share. We all might have different thoughts about it, but we also know that we all celebrate this meal in our congregations regularly as well. As we craft the words around the meal we tried to create a prayer that would honor our different traditions. This means that the prayer is both a combination of thoughts about the table, and also a compromise for some. We hope that you might encounter Christ and each other in a new way through this meal of cup and bread even if you are stretched by the prayer or the logistics around our Lord's Supper today

THE LABOR TO WHICH WE'RE CALLED

In words attributed to Mother Teresa, "Many people mistake our work for our vocation. Our vocation is the love of Jesus." As we celebrate Labor Day, what does such a distinction mean?

Vocation comes from Latin for "calling." Christians understand vocation as that for which God created you, involving activities you do well, enjoy and feel good about doing, and that serve others. If you're blessed to earn a paycheck doing something that fits those categories, then your profession or occupation — your work —likely is your vocation.

Other people work a paying job because an opportunity presents itself and the income is needed, even if it isn't their favorite thing to do. Perhaps they live out their truest vocation during non-employment hours: singing with a choir, raising children, building houses with Habitat for Humanity.

Christians in any capacity, paid or not, can live out Jesus' calling to love God and neighbor with our whole being (Luke 10:27). When God is "CEO" of our lives, it shows in how we treat our fellow laborers.

Offering:

Pastor Leland Schmitt

Worship in Scripture: 2 Kings 5:1-6

⁵ Now Naaman was commander of the army of the king of Aram. He was a great man in the sight of his master and highly regarded, because through him the LORD had given victory to Aram. He was a valiant soldier, but he had leprosy.^[a]

² Now bands of raiders from Aram had gone out and had taken captive a young girl from Israel, and she served Naaman's wife.

³ She said to her mistress, "If only my master would see the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."

⁴ Naaman went to his master and told him what the girl from Israel had said.

⁵ "By all means, go," the king of Aram replied. "I will send a letter to the king of Israel." So Naaman left, taking with him ten talents^[b] of silver, six thousand shekels^[c] of gold and ten sets of clothing.

⁶ The letter that he took to the king of Israel read: "With this letter I am sending my servant Naaman to you so that you may cure him of his leprosy."

Worship from the Word:

Pastor Janis Starr

Chaplain, Major General Cecil R. Richardson

U.S. Air Force, Retired

Reckless Love

Verse 1

Before I spoke a word You were singing over meo

You have been so so good to me
Before I took a breath You breathed Your life in me
You have been so so kind to me

Chorus

(And) O the overwhelming never-ending reckless
Love of God
O it chases me down fights 'til I'm found
Leaves the ninety-nine
I couldn't earn it I don't deserve it
Still You give Yourself away
O the overwhelming never-ending reckless
Love of God yeah

Verse 2

When I was Your foe still Your love fought for me
You have been so so good to me
When I felt no worth You paid it all for me
You have been so so kind to me

Chorus

(And) O the overwhelming never-ending reckless
Love of God
O it chases me down fights 'til I'm found
Leaves the ninety-nine
I couldn't earn it I don't deserve it
Still You give Yourself away
O the overwhelming never-ending reckless
Love of God yeah

Bridge

There's no shadow You won't light up
Lie You won't tear down
Coming after me

Jesus Paid it All

Verse 1

And I hear the Savior say
Thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness watch and pray
Find in Me thine all in all

Chorus

'Cause Jesus paid it all
All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow

Verse 2

And when before the throne
I stand in Him complete
Jesus died my soul to save
My lips shall still repeat

Chorus

'Cause Jesus paid it all
All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow

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Please remain after the worship service to enjoy a picnic
that has been prepared for all to enjoy.

Bridge

There is freedom in the Name,
There's healing in the Name,
There is power in the Name,
Salvation in the name,
There is life in the Name,
There is no other Name,
But Jesus. *(Repeat)*

Chorus

Eternal king You will reign forever,
And we will sing the glory of Your Name,
Be lifted high for all the world to see,
Your Name is all they need,
Your Name is all we need.

Verse 4

Isn't the name of Jesus all we Need?
Isn't the name of Jesus all we Need?
He's the way the truth the Life,
The only way to God.
Isn't the name of Jesus all we Need?

Chorus

Eternal king You will reign forever,
And we will sing the glory of Your Name,
Be lifted high for all the world to see,
Your Name is all they need,
Your Name is all we need.

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Pastoral Closing

Pastor Michelle Elfers

Mountain You won't climb up
Coming after me
There's no wall You won't kick down

Chorus

(And) O the overwhelming never-ending reckless
Love of God
O it chases me down fights 'til I'm found
Leaves the ninety-nine
I couldn't earn it I don't deserve it
Still You give Yourself away
O the overwhelming never-ending reckless
Love of God yeah

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Communion Prayer:

Pastor Michelle Elfers

Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive
those who sin against us.
Save us from the time
of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now
and forever. Amen.

Holy Communion

There will be several Communion stations. Please go to the station closest to you, We are serving only grape juice today along with Communion wafers and using the method known as intinction. (You will receive a wafer and then dip the wafer in the chalice with the grape juice).

Jesus Messiah

Verse 1

He became sin who knew no sin
That we might become His righteousness
He humbled Himself and carried the cross
Love so amazing love so amazing

Chorus

Jesus Messiah Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners
The Ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah Lord of all

Verse 2

His body the bread His blood the wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn
Love so amazing love so amazing

Chorus

Jesus Messiah Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners
The Ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah Lord of all

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Isn't the Name

Verse 1

Isn't the Name of Jesus wonderful?
Isn't the Name of Jesus wonderful?
All the world can come to Him
To have their sins removed,
Isn't the Name of Jesus wonderful?

Verse 2

Isn't the Name of Jesus beautiful?
Isn't the Name of Jesus beautiful?
Son of God and one of us,
Lover of our souls,
Isn't the Name of Jesus beautiful?

Chorus

Eternal king You will reign forever,
And we will sing the glory of Your Name,
Be lifted high for all the world to see,
Your Name is all they need,
Your Name is all we need.

Verse 3

Isn't the name of Jesus Powerful?
Isn't the name of Jesus Powerful?
Chains are broken when it's spoken
Every knee must bow.
Isn't the name of Jesus Powerful?

Chorus

Eternal king You will reign forever,
And we will sing the glory of Your Name,
Be lifted high for all the world to see,
Your Name is all they need,
Your Name is all we need.

