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 6, 2020

OUR 16TH YEAR!

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

We wish to thank the owner of Starlite 14 Drive-In for offering us the use of his facility to hold our worship service today.

We thank all of you who attended as well. It was a bit different worshipping from your vehicles but needed to be done for everyone's safety. We also thank you for wearing your mask and social distancing when outside your vehicle.

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 years' service. The Worship Leader for this group is Pam Peterson-Kintz.

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

Richland Center Free Methodist
Richland Center Fellowship
The Church of the Nazarene

ORDER OF SERVICE
WORSHIP IN THE PARK
SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

In today's world of COVID-19 Pandemic, we ask all to wear face masks and to please social distance when outside. We also ask everyone to stay in your vehicles unless you are going to the food area.

Theme: "Weekend of Unity"

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

Welcome

Collective Prayer of Confession
Leader:
Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
whose steadfast love is everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.
People: Amen.

Please observe a few moments of silence for individual reflection.

Leader: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

People:
Our God who reconciles,
we confess that we do not trust your abundance,
and we deny your presence in our lives.
We place our hope in ourselves
and rely on our own efforts.
We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.

We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.
We fear difference and do not welcome others
as you have welcomed us.
We sin in thought, word, and deed.
By your grace, forgive us;
through your love, renew us;
and in your Spirit, lead us;
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life.
Amen.

Leader:
Beloved of God,
by the radical abundance of divine mercy
we have peace with God through Christ Jesus,
through whom we have obtained grace upon grace.
Our sins are forgiven.
Let us live now in hope.
For hope does not disappoint,
because God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit.
All: Amen.

Call To Worship
Psalm 133
A song of ascents. Of David.
[1] How good and pleasant it is
when God's people live together in unity!
[2] It is like precious oil poured on the head,
running down on the beard,
running down on Aaron's beard,
down on the collar of his robe.
[3] It is as if the dew of Hermon
were falling on Mount Zion.

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, have now grown to thirteen area churches becoming involved.

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.

We've endured a couple of things since we opened. In 2007, we had to cancel the service all together due to flooding in Krouskop Park. In 2008, it looked like a flood would cancel our plans again, however, the rains stopped and we had a wonderful sunny day. Now in 2020, COVID-19 pandemic has invaded the world, but we are still able to have our worship service, just not in a park. Social distancing and face masks are the norm for our service this year.

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.

For there the LORD bestows his blessing,
even life forevermore.

Psalm 100

A psalm. For giving grateful praise.

1 Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.
2 Worship the LORD with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.
3 Know that the LORD is God.
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.
4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.
5 For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Worship in Song:

Days of Elijah

1 These are the days of Elijah.
Declaring the Word of the Lord
And these are the days
Of your servant Moses
Righteousness being restored.
And though these are days
Of great trials,
Of famine and darkness and sword
Still we are the voice
In the desert crying
Prepare ye the way of the Lord.

Chorus Behold He comes
Riding on the clouds
Shining like the sun
At the trumpet call

So lift your voice
It's the year of Jubilee
And out of Zion's hill
Salvation comes.

2 These are the days of Ezekiel.
The dry bones becoming as flesh
And these are the days
Of Your servant David
Rebuilding a temple of praise
And these are the days of the harvest
The fields are as white in the world
And we are the laborers
In Your vineyard
Declaring the Word of the Lord.

Chorus Behold He comes
Riding on the clouds
Shining like the sun
At the trumpet call
So lift your voice
It's the year of Jubilee
And out of Zion's hill
Salvation comes.

Bridge There is no God like Jehovah (repeat 4 x)

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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!

About the Speaker:

Reverend Dale Kaufman

Rev. Dale Kaufman has been the pastor of the Richland Center Free Methodist Church for a little over three years. He and his wife, Pam, moved here from Michigan, and they love the southern Wisconsin area and people! Over the course of his 40-year career, Dale has served at churches in New Mexico, Colorado, Oregon and Michigan as Youth Pastor, Family Pastor, and as Lead Pastor. He is the author of several published articles on youth ministry, and a contributing author to The Youthworkers Book of Hope.

He and Pam have been married for 28 years and are the proud parents of two sons, Christopher and Isaac, both of whom are married and in full-time Christian ministry.

Pastor Dale is an ordained elder in the Free Methodist Church and serves as the Youth Ministry Liaison for the North Central Conference. Here in Richland Center you can hear him on WRCO radio four times a week on his Life Tracs program (Monday and Wednesday between 8:00 a.m. – 8:10 a.m., Friday between 5:15 p.m. – 5:25 p.m., and Saturday between 5:40 p.m. – 5:50 p.m.

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.

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!

The Church's One Foundation

1 The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation by water and the Word.
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

2 Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Even So Come

1 All of creation all of the earth
Make straight a highway a path for the Lord
Jesus is coming soon

2 Call back the sinner wake up the saint
Let ev'ry nation shout of Your fame
Jesus is coming soon

Chorus Like a bride waiting for her groom
We'll be a Church ready for You
Ev'ry heart longing for our King we sing
Even so come Lord Jesus come
Even so come Lord Jesus come

3 There will be justice all will be new
Your name forever faithful and true
Jesus is coming soon

Chorus Like a bride waiting for her groom
We'll be a Church ready for You
Ev'ry heart longing for our King we sing
Even so come Lord Jesus come

Bridge So we wait we wait for You
God we wait You're coming soon (2x)

Chorus

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Worship in Scripture:

Philippians 2-9-11

9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Romans 12:3-8

3 For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. 4 For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, 5 so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs

And your going
In your weeping
And rejoicing
He is for you
He is for you

Tag. He is for you. He is for you

Chorus. Amen. Amen. Amen (2x)

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Our offering will be taken a bit differently. When you leave the grounds today, there will be people with offering containers to receive your donations. It is not necessary to give an offering, however, our Lydia's House Ministries will greatly appreciate it.

The Return

A National and Global /day of Prayer and Repentance
http://thereturn.org

We will host a simulcast at the City Auditorium on Saturday, September 26, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Message: One Name, One Body, One Goal

Pastoral Blessing

The Blessing
Verse. The Lord bless you
And keep you
Make his face shine upon you
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn his
Face toward you
And give you peace (2x)

Chorus. Amen. Amen. Amen (2x)

Verse (1x)

Bridge. May his favor
Be upon you
And a thousand generations
And your family
And your children
And their children
And their children

May his presence
Go before you
And behind you
And beside you
All around you
And within you
He is with you
He is with you

In the morning
In the evening
In your coming

to all the others.
6 We have different gifts, according to the grace given to
each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then
prophesy in accordance with your faith; 7 if it is serving,
then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; 8 if it is to encourage,
then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give
generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show
mercy, do it cheerfully.

Colossians 2:2-4

2 My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united
in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete
understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of
God, namely, Christ, 3 in whom are hidden all the treasures
of wisdom and knowledge. 4 I tell you this so that no one
may deceive you by fine-sounding arguments.

Heal Our Land
1 You take our lives
Flawed yet beautiful
Restore refine
Lord You're merciful
Redeem revive

Chorus Spirit of God
Breathe on Your church
Pour out Your presence
Speak through Your word
We pray in ev'ry nation Christ be known
Our hope and salvation Christ alone

2 New pow'r new wine
As divisions fall
One church one Bride
Jesus Lord of all

With one voice we cry

Chorus Spirit of God
Breathe on Your church
Pour out Your presence
Speak through Your word
We pray in ev'ry nation Christ be known
Our hope and salvation Christ alone

Bridge So God we pray to You
Humble ourselves again
Lord would You hear our cry
Lord will You heal our land
That ev'ry eye will see
That ev'ry heart will know
The One who took our sin
The One who died and rose (repeat)
And when Your kingdom comes
And when at last You call
We'll rise to worship You alone

Chorus

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By Our Love
1 Brothers let us come together
Walking in the Spirit,
There's much to be done
We will come reaching out from our comforts;
And they will know us by our love.

2 Sisters we were made for kindness,
We can pierce the darkness.
As He shines through us;
We will come reaching
With a song of healing
And they will know us by our love.

Chorus The time is now
Come church arise;
Love with His hands
See with His eyes;
Bind it around you;
Let it never leave you
And they will know us by our love.

3 Children you are hope for justice,
Stand firm in the Truth now;
Set your hearts above.
You will be reaching long after we're gone
And they will know you by your love.

Chorus

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Lord's Prayer:
Our Father, who is in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done,
On earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
And forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the Kingdom, the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.