

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.

Boaz United Methodist Church	608-536-3603
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Five Points Lutheran Church	608-536-3877
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Hidden Valley Community Church	608-930-4822
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The Mission	608-604-7751
St. John's Lutheran Church	608-647-3000
Trinity United Methodist Church	608-647-3203



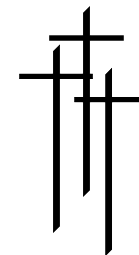
Thank you for your demonstration of Christian Unity by participating in today's worship service and fellowship. Your presence is a great testimony to the power of Christ to unite hearts. God Bless you!



LABOR DAY WEEKEND WORSHIP IN THE PARK

10:00 a.m.

Sunday, September 3, 2022



Have a safe Labor Day



OUR 18TH 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 thank all of you who attended as well. Please have a safe holiday and drive safely when you leave.

You are welcome to stay and enjoy the food prepared for you by RC Taco. Please visit their food truck and purchase some of their delicious food.

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 Leaders for this group are led by Kourtnei Urban, Liz Neimeyer, Kurt and Barb Wilhelm.. Many thanks to these women for providing me with the hymns for today so I could get the bulletin done in time.

Thank you to Pastors Jonathan Young and Leland Schmidt for providing me with the other key parts to our bulletin for today.

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

Grace Community
The Church of the Nazarene
Richland Center Free Methodist Church

**WORSHIP IN THE PARK
SEPTEMBER 3, 2023**

Please silence all electronic devices so we can all enjoy a more meaningful worship experience.

THEME: "PEACE"

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

Welcome, Invocation

*Pastor Jonathan Young,
RCMA President*

Apostle's Creed:

Pastor Jonathan Young

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

All Creatures of our God and King

Verse 1: All creatures of our God and King

Lift up your voice and with us sing

O praise Him alleluia

Thou burning sun with golden beam

Thou silver moon with softer gleam

O praise Him O praise Him

Alleluia alleluia alleluia

Verse 2: Thou rushing wind that art so strong

Ye clouds that sail in Heav'n along

O praise Him alleluia

Thou rising moon in praise rejoice

Ye lights of evening find a voice

O praise Him O praise Him

Alleluia alleluia alleluia

Verse 3; Let all things their Creator bless

And worship Him in humbleness

O praise Him alleluia

Praise praise the Father praise the Son

And praise the Spirit three in One

O praise Him O praise Him

Alleluia alleluia alleluia

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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 several 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 few things since we opened. In 2007, we had to cancel the service altogether 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. Then in 2020, COVID-19 pandemic invaded the world, but we are still able to have our worship service, just not in a park. Social distancing and face masks were the norm for our service that year. However, we got through it just fine and we still continue to hold our worship service.

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 in the Richland Middle School and the Intermediate 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.

In Christ Along

Verse 1: In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

Verse 2: In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

Verse 3: There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

Verse 4: No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

Our God

Verse 1: Water You turned into wine
Opened the eyes of the blind
There's no one like You
None like You

Verse 2 ;Into the darkness You shine
Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like You
None like You

Chorus: Our God is greater
Our God is stronger
God You are higher than any other
Our God is healer
Awesome in power our God our God

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Lord's Prayer

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 forever. Amen.

Benediction

Verse 3 Does the Father truly love us
He does
Does the Spirit move among us
He does
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 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: Is He worthy
Is He worthy
He is
He is

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Bridge: And if our God is for us
Then who could ever stop us
And if our God is with us
Then what could stand against
And if our God is for us
Then who could ever stop us
And if our God is with us
Then what could stand against
(Then) what could stand against

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House. Thank you)

Offering Music: Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Verse 1: Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

Verse 2: 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Chorus: My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me

And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace

Verse 3: The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

Chorus: My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace

Verse 4: The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

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Worship in Scripture:

Philippians 2:1-5 Christ's Example of Humility

2 So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ² complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus.

Sermon “Piece of Mind”

Pastor Leland Schmidt

Response Song Is He Worthy

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: 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
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Is He worthy
Of all blessing and honor and glory
Is He worthy of this
He is