



Welcome to Wayzata Community Church where lots of different people come together for the shared purpose of worshiping God and encouraging each other through the inclusive love of Jesus. Whether you are our guest, looking for a church home, or already a member, we want you to feel welcomed by our congregation and inspired by our worship service.

RALLY SUNDAY
September 15, 2019
8:00 a.m. ❖ Wakefield Chapel



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

September 15, 2019 ❖ 8:00 a.m.

+ Indicates an invitation to rise in body or in spirit.

PRELUDE *Fantasy on NICAEA* Mark Sedio
Kraig Windschitl, organ

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

+ CALL TO WORSHIP John Ross

+ OPENING HYMN *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty* Blue #251

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.

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee;
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea.
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee;
Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty;
God in three persons, blessed Trinity! Amen

+ UNISON PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH* Lindy Purdy

Leader: With hearts of faith and assurance of grace, let us pray together.

All: O God, whose mercy is ever faithful and ever sure, visit us, we beseech thee. We need a hope that is made wise by experience, and is undaunted by disappointment. We need an anxiety about the future that shows us new ways to look at new things, but does not unnerve us. As a people, we need to remember that our influence was greatest when our power was weakest. Most of all, we need to turn to thee, O God, and our crucified Lord, for only his humility and strength can heal and free us. O God, be thou our sole strength in times of trouble. And in your divine time, send us forth into a new week with a gladsome mind, free and joyful in the spirit of Jesus Christ. Amen.

+ GLORIA PATRI *Glory be to the Father*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

+ PASSING OF THE PEACE		Lindy Purdy
COMMUNITY MOMENTS		John Ross
SCRIPTURE	Matthew 13:1-9	John Ross
	Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.	
	All: Thanks be to God!	
SERMON	<i>COMMUNITY: Not Just Our Middle Name</i> <i>"Seeds of Grace"</i>	John Ross
OFFERTORY ANTHEM	<i>Moderato in G Major</i> Kraig Windschitl, organ	J. S. Bach
PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER		Lindy Purdy
	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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.	
INVITATION TO THE TABLE		Lindy Purdy
	All are welcome at the table which has been set for us by Christ. Let us prepare and receive the joyful feast of the people of God. A gluten-free option is available.	
COMMUNION PRAYER (unison)		Lindy Purdy
	Gracious God, with Your followers of every age, we praise You for Your mighty acts. You brought the beautiful world into being, created life in abundant variety to fill the lands and seas, and made humanity in Your image to enjoy the gifts of creation and to follow You. Though each of us has strayed from the path You set for us, You have not abandoned us. You have sent us Your word of loving forgiveness through Your Son, Jesus Christ. For our sake He died on the cross, was raised on the third day, and leads the way to eternal life. We gather at this table to remember Him in the bread and the cup. May Your Spirit, which creates us, redeems us, and sustains us, be present as we share in the blessings of this Holy Communion. Amen.	
THE BREAKING OF BREAD AND POURING OF CUP		
COMMUNION MUSIC	<i>Lord, Through Thy Word Abide</i> Kraig Windschitl, organ	Felix Mendelssohn
SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS		
	Please come forward to receive the Bread & Cup.	

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (unison)

Lindy Purdy

Faithful God, in this place and at this table we have witnessed the signs of Your love for each one of us. May we go from this place filled with grateful love for You and confirmed in our intention to share Your love with all who share our lives. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our host at this table and our guide in all our life. Amen.

+ CLOSING HYMN

Jesus, Friend, So Kind and Gentle

Blue #277

Jesus, Friend, so kind and gentle, little ones we bring to thee;
Grant to them thy dearest blessing, let thine arms around them be.
Now enfold them in thy goodness, from all danger keep them free.

Thou who didst receive thy children to thy self so tenderly,
Give to all who teach and guide them, wisdom and humility,
Vision true to keep them noble, love to serve them faithfully.

Grant to us a deep compassion for thy children everywhere;
May we see our human family free from sorrow and despair,
And behold thy kingdom glorious, in our world so bright and fair. Amen.

+ BENEDICTION

Lindy Purdy

Leader: For what does the Lord require of us?

All: To do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God. (Micah 6:8)

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on SICILIAN MARINERS

Kraig Windschitl, organ

...The End of Worship, the Beginning of Service...



The Chancel Flowers are given
in loving memory of Gertrude Sarah Blyth and Thomas Blyth.



WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher	Rev. Dr. John F. Ross
Liturgist	Rev. S. Lindy Purdy
Organist	Kraig Windschitl, Organist
Deacon	Mitch Workmon
Usher	Doug Frantz

* Adapted from "A Prayer for the Church in These Times" by Rev. William Sloan Coffin in "Prayers from Riverside" Pilgrim press, 1983