

Welcome to worship! Activity bags for children are available on the book shelf in the lobby if your little one would like to pack a bag of items to play with during worship. Children are always welcome in sanctuary, but a staffed nursery is also available at the end of the hall for any babies, toddlers, and preschoolers who prefer more space to wiggle and play. Large print bulletins are available near the entrance for those who need them.

* indicates you are invited to stand

Bold text indicates a unison prayer or response

PRELUDE

GREETING

CALL TO PRAISE AND PRAYER

(from Isaiah 49, The Message)

Leader: Listen up, everyone! God has given us work to do.

People: God has called each of us before we were even born.

Leader: It was God who named us.

People: It is God who claims us.

Leader: The light of God's love shines in us.

People: Let's shine God's love into all the world!

*OPENING SONGS

"The Summons"

Faith We Sing # 2130

"Alleluia"

Hymnal # 186

OPENING PRAYER

God of Isaiah, you are our God, too. You spoke to the prophets, but your message did not end with them. There is still work to be done, and we pray to hear your

call afresh. Help us joyfully claim our role as your beloved servants, knowing that you provide all that we need to do our work. You walked with us before we were even born, and you continue to hold us by the hand each and every day of our lives. We pray with the confidence of those who have been filled with your light. We pray with the assurance of those who have been called into fellowship with your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 49:1-7

Psalm 40:1-11

John 1:29-42

MESSAGE

"Go and Tell"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastoral Prayer

Silent Prayer

The 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.

PRAYER HYMN

“Spirit Song”

Hymnal # 347

OFFERING OF GRATITUDE

*DOXOLOGY

Hymnal # 94

CLOSING PRAYER

Generous God, you have already given us all that we need. Help us trust your continued care, that we may share with others the abundance of your blessings. Strengthen us for service, and remind us of the great joy that awaits those who answer your call. Accept our gifts and give us new songs of praise as we celebrate the opportunity to be in ministry, in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*HYMN

“Here I Am, Lord”

Hymnal # 593

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING .

POSTLUDE

I WAITED PATIENTLY

for the Lord;

AND HE INCLINED UNTO ME,

and heard my cry.

PSALM 40:1

Menomonie United Methodist Church

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