

Welcome to Tulare United Church
Senior Recognition Sunday
Mother's Day
May 9, 2021 10:00am

Gathering Music Cyndi Bachman
Welcome

Call to Worship (inspired by John 15:9-17 from Stephon Carlisle Void, Easter Liturgical Resources from Africana Writers, edited by Safiya Fosua, 2020.)

East: Lord, we are gathered here today as one body, because you chose to call us your friends. We come from all walks of life. We have had our share of good days and bad days.

West: In the world's eye, we aren't good enough or worthy enough to have this bond; but in your sight, we are exactly who you need. Despite all the drama, we made it here to worship and praise your name.

ALL: May the love we experience today in worship restore us, revive us, refresh us. God, use our broken selves as tools of hope and love on this day. Lord, we love you. Thank you for loving us and calling us your friends. It's in your name, we pray. Amen.

Opening Hymn

God Speak to Me, That I May Speak projected
written by Frances Ridley Havergal and the tune is Canonbury arr. By Robert Schmann. The version we are using today is in the public domain.

Morning Prayer (inspired by Richard J. Einerson, from his collection of prayers, Prayers of the People.)

Eternal God, in these moments of quiet we thank you for your presence in our lives. We thank you for all of the testimonies of your profound love for your children and we pause in silence to lift up those in our lives who have been our teachers, coaches and leaders... (*silent prayers*) We especially thank you this day for the holy one Jesus. We thank you for his humility. We thank you that rather than elevating himself above us he instead would lift us up and as with his disciples call us "friends." May we live by his example. Amen.

Children's Time *More Love*

Senior Recognition and Blessing Karla Schultz
Andrew Frankenstein

Silas Harford, Cassidy Johnson, Kordel Kohnen, Sydney Maynard, Kaitlynn O'Dell, Dannyn Peterson

Scripture Readings Matthew 25:14-30

Message *If I Had a Hammer...*
Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (sins)
Invitation to Share Tithes and Offering

The offering basket is at the back of the sanctuary for your regular offering and other financial gifts.

Senior Recognition Video *Church, Take Me Back*
by Bryan Fowler, Micab Kuiper, Michael Cochren, reported to CCLI song number 7121428

Prayer of Dedication (together)

We offer our gifts to you, Eternal God, who claims us as children and who names us as beloved. We celebrate our presence as the Church and are honored to offer You our gifts. Please bless and use these gifts and our lives for your purposes. Amen.

Closing Hymn

Now In the Days of Youth projected
(verses 1,2,4) by Rev. Walter Mathams © 1992 Pilgrim Press, reported to One License, song number 90736

Announcements and Celebrations

Benediction

Response *Go Now in Peace* projected
* Postlude

****** Please leave the sanctuary by rows with the back rows leaving first. Please be respectful of each other's personal space and risk tolerance.**

Worship Notes: Thank you for worshiping with us – come again and/or join us online. If you would like more information about joining Tulare United Church please talk to Pastor Lorah. There will be a new member class within the next few months.

Our worship service is a time to move away from outside distractions and focus on God. Thank you for turning off cell phones and not texting during worship. (but feel free to use your Bible app) If you do not want to take your bulletin home please help us keep the sanctuary clean...and recycle it by putting it in the basket in the entry. All hymns and songs printed in the bulletin or projected are used by permission.

TODAY – mini photos sessions (before and) after worship. Talisa Buchholz will be taking pictures outside this morning to capture some memories of this Mother's Day. No charge.



April 26 – May 2, 2021

Attendance 98 Tithes & Offerings \$ 4,449.50

(\$ 2,219 is needed each week to meet the budget)

There is a piggy bank on the back pew for all change for camperships. We have 9 youth signed up for church camp so far!

Sunday School announced that the offering from 12/20 – 5/21 was \$620.

Church Office: 596-4156 (by appointment please due to COVID-19 precautions) Friday and Saturday are generally Pastor Lorah's days off

Web Page: www.tulareunitedchurch.com – all worship services are posted here – under Praise and Worship – Worship Together

E-mail: tulareuc@venturecomm.net

Pastor Lorah Houser Jankord 450-0408 cell 596-4256 home

This week at Tulare United Church...

Sunday 5/9 Senior Recognition Sunday and Mother's Day

- 9:00 mini photo sessions for Mother's Day
- 10:00 Worship
- Music: Cyndi Bachman
- Ushers: Rick Binger & Donna Johnsen
- Video Recorder: Mason Bottum
- Projection Set-Up and Projection: Talisa Buchholz
- 11:00 more mini photos sessions outside
- 11:15 Miller/Maynard Family in Fellowship Hall
- 1:00 Baptism of Jackson Maynard and Patrick Maynard
- Statements of Faith due (Confirmation Class)

Monday 5/10

- Pastor Lorah gone until Wednesday

Tuesday 5/11

- 6:00 VBS Come to the Table planning session in FH and via Zoom Meeting ID 605 596 4156
- CE Committee meets in FH and via Zoom Meeting ID 605 596 4156

Wednesday 5/12

- 7:00 Baccalaureate
- VBS registrations due

Thursday 5/13

- 10:00 Women's Coffee & Conversation Group in FH
- 11:45 Pastor Lorah shares devotions at the Senior Center

Sunday 5/16

- 10:00 Worship with Rev. Hazel Behrens preaching
- Musician: Dana Lewis
- Ushers: Jason & Stacey Banister
- Video Recorder: Kaycee Stoner
- Projection Set-Up and Projection: Talisa Buchholz
- 2:00 – 4:00 Open House Bridal Shower for Siara Binger in FH

Thank you to Sydney Maynard for preparing the Senior Video.

May we pray for you?

Our prayer list... for mind, body and spirit:

Hyke family and all who work at Hyke Funeral Home, Tom & Linda McNeill (children of Sandi McNeill), Karen Kohnen (member), Bob Bruening (neighbor), Cole Louwagie (son of Kristen (Swope) & Derek – friend of Jankords) the United Methodist Church denomination, people in prison, everyone living with cancer and other long term physical or mental illness or addiction, all military and their families at home especially **Edna Knutson** (Kianna Binger's mother deployed to Djibouti), the United Church of Christ denomination, Mary Merrigan (Pastor Lorah's friend), McKenzie Lee (Rhonda Stroh's daughter), Karen Stephenson, Tenlee Gatzemeyer, all those with or affected by or recovering from Covid-19, Mona Schultz

StoneyBrook (Huron): Alice MacNeill

Eastern Star (Redfield): Marvinne Roeber, LaDean Stoner,

Shirley Stellmacher (Judy Wagner's mother), June Bottum

Lakeside (Redfield): Erma Ames, Amy Garman

At Home: Leone Schultz

Mail a card or note to someone on this list.

Vacation Bible School at

Tulare United Church

May 25-27, 2021

5:30 – 7:30

(supper will be provided)

Preschool Sunday

School

– completed 4th grade

Registrations due by 5/12

please.

Volunteers needed to help!



*TULARE UNITED CHURCH has been given a fundraising opportunity with **Lynne's Asparagus Patch**. Roxanne Knock and family have agreed to harvest and Elly Jo Wagner will be administering the Facebook site but we need people to help distribute. Please let Pastor Lorah know if you are willing.*

Many of us have different opinions and risk tolerance in regard to COVID-19 so no judgment and no guilt if you attend online! The TUC Board has removed all gathering guidelines so everyone is encouraged to advocate for their own health.

We are being very conscientious of having the correct licenses in place to record and/or live stream songs, scriptures, liturgy, etc.

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