

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 16, 2026

Special Commissioning Service for David Arends

We Gather in God's Name . . .

PRELUDE

PRAYER OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

We broadcast your glorious deeds, O God, and spread abroad the good news of the gospel. You have not forsaken your people but promise your presence through the gift of your Spirit. In Christ you redeem us from a past that enslaves us, and free us for a future of life lived in your love. Hear us now as we sing your praises and fill us as we learn of your way. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth!

All: We will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord and the wonders which God has wrought.

*OPENING SONG “Goodness of God” Insert

*CALL TO CONFESSION

O God, Christ calls us to faith, while we seek our own security. He teaches us to trust him, yet we don’t take that risk. He expects total commitment, and we think in terms of percentage. Time after time we turn our back on your grace, serving our idols, and forsaking our Christ. We rely on your promise in him to redeem us. We are dependent on him who can intercede for us. O God, in Christ have mercy upon us.

*SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS “Grace Greater Than Our Sin”
Lt. Blue Songbook #76

Singing: Grace, grace, God’s grace,
grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God’s grace,
grace that is greater than all our sin.

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus the Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

. . . to Proclaim God’s Word

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Lord God, you have declared that your kingdom is among us. Open our eyes to see it, our ears to hear it, our hearts to hold it, our hands to serve it. This we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

FIRST READING Exodus 1:8-2:10 p. 49

ANTHEM “You Do Not Walk Alone” Choir

SECOND READING Romans 12: 1-8 p. 161

THIRD READING 1 Peter 5: 1-7 p. 235

One: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON “A Different Kind of Leader” Rev. Chuck Carlson

*HYMN OF RESPONSE “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” #316

. . . to Give Thanks to God . . .

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS TO GOD

THE OFFERTORY

*OFFERING RESPONSE “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” #592

Singing: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, we have received your gifts in abundance. Make us mindful of those who are needy, as we bring you our tithes and our offerings. Use them to ease the pain of those who are suffering. As we serve others, use us to fulfill your will. Amen.

. . . Commission Order of Worship . . .

COMMISSIONING OFFICERS

Rev. Chuck Carlson – Executive Presbyter
Pam Chigbrow – Presbytery Representative
Pat Keil – Session Clerk

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 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.

*COMMUNION HYMN “I Come with Joy” #507
(vs. 1, 2 & 3)

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S SUPPER

GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise

One: . . . Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and

with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. (Lt. Blue Book #124)

One: ... Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this wine from the gifts you have given us and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ. Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the one crucified and risen. Great is the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

One: ... Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

One: The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Let us keep the feast.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

... and to Be Sent in God's Name

***CLOSING HYMN** "Here I Am, Lord" #525

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION** "Freely, Freely"
Lt. Blue Songbook #136

Singing: Freely, freely, you have received, freely, freely give.
Go in my name, and because you believe,
others will know that I live.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mon. August 17	Easy Does It Exercise	10:00 AM
	PW Bazaar Workshop	10:00 AM
	Session	7:00 PM
Tues. August 18	Prayer Ministry	12:00 PM
	Fundraising Committee	5:30 PM
Wed. August 19	Easy Does It Exercise	10:00 AM
Thurs. August 20	Fun Day Church BBQ	
	At the Legion Park	5:30 PM
Fri. August 21	Easy Does It Exercise	10:00 AM

Our thanks go to our guest speaker Rev. Chuck Carlson, lay reader Jane Arends, the choir, and pianist Dave Thomas.

Fun Day Reminder! Thursday, August 20th 5:30 PM to ? Church BBQ at the Legion Park. We'll provide grilled burgers. Bring a chair and a side dish to share. Cornhole competition as well. Everyone is welcome and don't forget to bring a friend.

Attention all Committees. The Church Secretary needs schedules so that she can update the calendar and put in the correct dates and times for meetings and other activities. This will help when putting together the newsletter calendar. Please send all information to the church email conpres@3river.net.

If you have any articles to contribute to the **September Newsletter**, please turn them into the office no later than **Friday morning, August 21st**.

Church Secretary will be out of the Office Monday, August 24th.

Last week, the combined giving was **\$913.00**. In order to meet expenses, we need to average **\$2,550.00** per week.

Please remember to pray for Family & Friends of David Perry, Esther Finlayson, Colby Stenerson, Ralph Stordahl, Jean Baringer, Bruce Benjamin, Cecil & Alice Benjamin, Helen Stordahl, Barb Perry, Wally McHenry, Wendy Wagner, Ward Orcutt, Kristine Ries Prewett, Mary Sanders, Lavon & Karen Carter, Sean Carter, Dana & Marie Ahmed, Pearl Severtson, and Hazel Jones.

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