

MILLWOODS COMMUNITY CHURCH

August 4, 2024



Prelude

Welcome & Purpose

MWCC strives to grow as a multi-generational, inclusive Christian faith community with Christlike love by developing close, healthy relationships and partnering with community groups such as WINGS and WeCan.

Opening Prayer

Gracious God, we have been drawn here by your Holy Spirit to celebrate the gift of Jesus Christ. Shape us and mold us in Christ, that we may conform our lives more closely to his. Speak to us this day through this time of worship, our prayers, our attentiveness to the message of Scripture, our music, and as we remember the need for rest and renewal for Pastor Aaron, as well as the faithful ministry of other members of church staff. Reveal to us the gifts of grace provided for us: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. All the fruits of your Spirit, as listed in Galatians 5:22. We come before you hungry for love and affirmation, and thirsty for compassion and justice. Form us into the body of Christ, that we may love and serve the world that you have made. Amen

I Am Thine O Lord

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I am thine, O Lord - I have heard thy voice, and it told thy love to me;
But I long to rise in the arms of faith and be closer drawn to thee.

Refrain

Draw me nearer, nearer blessed Lord to the cross where though as died.
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed lord, to thy precious, bleeding side.

O the pure delight of a single hour, that before thy throne I spend, when I kneel in prayer and with thee, my God, I commune as friend with friend. **Refrain.**

There are depths of love that I cannot know, till I cross the narrow sea. There are heights of joy that I may not reach, till I rest in peace with thee. **Refrain.**

Reading Exodus 16:2-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat and ate our fill of bread, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD."

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites: 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'"

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

My Life Flows On

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My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation,
I hear the real, though far off hymn that hails a new creation.

Refrain:

No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that Rock I'm clinging. Since love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing,

It sounds and echoes in my soul; how can I keep from singing? **Refrain.**

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing? **Refrain.**

Scripture John 6:24-35

So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us, then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’ ” Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Sermon “Jesus, Bread of Life, Feed Me Till I Want no More!” - Darryl Roste

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

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Breathe on me breath of God, fill me with life anew,
That I may love the things you love and do what you would do.

Breathe on me, breath of God, until my heart is pure,
Until with you I will, one will, to do or to endure.

Breathe on me, breath of God, my will to yours incline,
Until this selfish part of me glows with your fire divine.

Breathe on me, breath of God, so shall I never die,
But live with you the perfect life of your eternity.

Blessings & Concerns

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

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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

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

Ministry Opportunities

***Benediction**

Postlude

WINGS BBQ

This is a reminder that the WINGS BBQ is on August 9th, they are looking for volunteers to help.

Brenda is the church contact for volunteers so if you are interested you can talk to Brenda or email the church. See the BBQ information below.

The WINGS BBQ is taking place on Friday, August 9th and we could use some support with the following if anyone is free!

Set-up - 8am-10am

Cooking & Service 10am-12pm

Clean-up - 12pm-2pm

Please let Brenda know if you are interested in helping out!

Thanks so much!

Brenda

Secret Sister Ministry

Secret Sister is going to be up and running again. It has been such a huge success over many years. If you would like to participate please fill out your secret sister sheet and return to your form to Jacquie. Forms will be available in the Sunday binder

Birthday cake ministry

We plan to celebrate the last Sunday of every month for all birthdays that happen in that month. We have 12 ladies signed up for this ministry, each volunteer will only need to bring in a cake once a year. We are so thankful for their help with this celebration ministry. Talk to Jacquie if you have any questions, or if you would like to be part of this ministry.

WeCan Food Basket

To place an order please go to WECAN Food Basket Society to order online. Or, For in-person cash orders, please come to the church on the third Thursday of the month from noon-2:00 (the same as our pick-up time). If you want to help with Wednesdays, speak with Sonja, Ron, Ken & Sandy G, or Pastor Aaron.

Congregational Conversation Followup

Join us after service on September 8, and November 17 to review and follow up on how our congregational conversation ideas are working out. Lunch will be provided.

Today's Service
Sound: Larry
Media: Donna
Greeter/Usher: Sharon D
Reader: Ken G
Coffee: Lorraine & Leroy
Music: Bev, Katie

Next Sunday: August 11, 2024
Sound:
Media:
Greeter/Usher:
Reader: Charlene
Coffee: Tony & Janet
Music: Katie

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