WIC: Kacia Hughett (President), Servant Support (Julie LeFeber), Vacant (Nursery), Sarah Salyer (Secretary, Christian Growth), Jen Zimmerman (Missions/Outreach), Megan Holl (Kitchen), Kristin Holl (Women's Events), Karen Salyer (Church Fellowship) Youth Group: Eric Wood Custodian: Charlotte Hajda

WORSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Why do we have an Offering? And what is a "tithe"?

From the very beginning, God's people brought offerings to Him (Gen. 4:3-4; 14:21; 28:22). In doing so, they were confessing that all they had ultimately came from God and actually belonged to Him. Offering a portion was a way of showing gratitude. It was also a way of paying tribute, of giving honor to God as the Sovereign Lord of All.

As we see in the stories of Abraham and Jacob, it was common to give God a tenth (or "tithe") of one's income. This principle was later codified in the Law given to Moses. God told the people of Israel to give a tenth to provide for the livelihood of His priests, to maintain the work of the Tabernacle/Temple, and to provide for the poor (Deut. 14:28-29).

For the Israelites the offerings were usually animals, crops, or prepared food. They were elements of God's creation which the people had cultivated by long hours of labor and care. As the fruit of human labor they symbolized the life of the people. Thus, in offering the work of their hands, the people were offering their very lives to God that He might use them to accomplish His purposes.

These principles were carried over into the New Covenant. The Early Church was known for sacrificial generosity (Acts 4:32-37). Recognizing that God had offered His own Son for them, they gladly gave all they had to Him.

For these reasons the offering is a significant part of our worship service. It is not simply a way for the church to keep the lights on. Nor is it payment for spiritual services rendered or dues for a holy club.

When we drop our tithes into the plate, we must remember that we are offering our very selves to God. He accepts our tribute, not because of anything within us, but because we are united to His Beloved Son, Jesus Christ. In Christ our lives and our work have been made pleasing to God and useful for the advancement of His Kingdom in our community and throughout the world.



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Prelude

Announcements

GOD SUMMONS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship †Congregational Singing Psalm 95:1-6 #27 "Tell Out My Soul"

*Responsive Scriptures In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Who made heaven and earth.

†Collect

O Lord, since You never fail to help and govern those whom You nurture in Your steadfast fear and love, work in us a perpetual fear and love of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

"See the Destined Day Arise"

Psalm 139:23-24

GOD SANCTIFIES US TO HIMSELF

Call to Confession Silent Confession

Corporate Confession

†Congregational Singing

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your Holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+Assurance of Forgiveness +Congregational Singing

"Since our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus"

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

Old Testament Reading Epistle Reading †Gospel Reading †Profession of Faith Sermon

1 Samuel 3:1-9, 19-21 Romans 10:9-17 Matthew 4:17-22 The Apostles' Creed Pastor Chad Anderson

"The Call of Samuel" Sermon Series: 1 & 2 Samuel

Offertory

†Doxology

†Prayer of the Church

...let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

...through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

†The Lord's Prayer

Taught by Our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray: **Our Father who art in Heaven...**

GOD STRENGTHENS US AT HIS TABLE

All who are baptized and trust in Jesus Christ are invited to share the Lord's Supper. Baptized children are welcomed to the Supper once they have been admitted by the Elders.

If you do not trust in Jesus, please allow the bread and cup to pass you by. If you desire to follow Jesus and share in His Feast, please speak with one of our pastors after the service.

The outer ring contains wine. All other cups contain grape juice. Take your portion, pass the rest to your neighbor, then eat and drink as soon as you desire.

During the passing of the cup, we encourage you to offer words of blessing to your neighbors such as: "May the Peace of Christ be with you" (Jn. 14:27), and the response: "And also with you."

Declaration of God's Invitation and Promises

Prayers and Distribution

+Congregational Singing

"Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured"

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

+Commission and Benediction +Congregational Response Postlude

#628 IV "Threefold Amen"

Worship Leader: Pastor Chad Anderson Nursery Volunteers: Carol Holl, Rene Sykes

CHURCH LIFE

Sunday, June 29th - *The Third Sunday after Pentecost* 10:30 a.m. . . . Worship Service 5:30 p.m. . . . Bible Study Workshop

- ◆ Sunday Morning Prayer Gathering 9:50 AM (June 15 July 27). Join us for 7 Sundays at 9:50 AM for a time of prayer before worship. We'll meet in the last/ empty classroom in the back hallway. You can choose to prayer walk in the neighborhood or pray individually or in small groups in the room. We'll have prayer topics and a growing prayer list that we'll continue to add to throughout the summer. Come as you are and help cover our church, community, and world in prayer.
- ◆ Summer Missions Reading Contest: During June and July select any book/ audiobook that has to do with missions and earn a penny for every page read! There are many options in the church library, including the excellent "Christian Heroes: Then and Now" series. When you have completed the book, fill out one of the "Penny" reward cards to receive your reward! If you choose to donate your reward, it will go to Anne Aschmann and Service Dog Darcey for their upcoming work in Ecuador. For more information, or to turn in a "Penny" card, see Karen Salyer.
- *7-week Bible Study Workshop Sundays 5:30 p.m. at the church. We'll use both modern technology and trusted print resources to help you explore God's Word. Refreshments and childcare provided. Bring a Bible and/or device if you'd like—but nothing is required. Questions? Contact David Lano at (308) 293-5463.
- Financial Report: Budgeted need each week: \$4,392.91. Budgeted need year-todate: \$105,429.84. Received 6/15: \$3,030.94. Received year-to-date: \$93,077.12.
- ★ July Birthdays: (1) Chad Anderson, (2) Aiden Freitag 2010, Nora Johnson 2013, Josh Goodbrake, (8) Aliyah Hughett 2018, (9) Micah Holl, (10) Eleanor Hajda, (13) Rollie Gibbins, (15) Haven Salyer 2009, (18) Marla Reiter, (22) Andrew Goodbrake 2022, (27) Georgia Cleland, (28) Mordecai LeFeber 2011, (29) Roz Gibbins, (29) Miabelle Lano 2010, (30) Beth Cole

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- ◆ That God would keep us from division and grant us unity in the Spirit for the sake of the Gospel.
- ◆ Presbytery: Grace Church Fremont (Pastor Clint Eberspacher).
- ◆ Missions: John and Terri MTW Middle East
- ◆ For our expecting mothers and their children: Megan Holl, Bethany Remm.

STAFF

Pastors: Chad Anderson (Senior), David Salyer (Associate) **Elders:** Michael Freitag, David Holl, Tory Hooton, Jordan Hughett, David Lano **Deacons:** Josh Goodbrake (Offering and Service), Josiah Holl (Mercy), Micah Holl (Facilities), Doug Sykes (Chair)

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