



Sunday Worship

August 13, 2023

10:30 am Worship

Pastor: Duane Coates

Ministers: All God's People

This Week at Epworth

Sunday, August 13

—10:00am Coffee Fellowship

—10:30am Worship

Monday, August 14

—7:00pm Bazaar Meeting

Thursday, August 17

—10:00am Pastor's Bible Study

—11:30am UWF Salad Luncheon

—3:00pm Staff Meeting

Sunday, August 20

—10:00am Coffee Fellowship

—10:30am Worship

—4:00pm Prayer Walk



Welcome! If you're a guest, know that we're glad you're here, and that we'd love to get to know you better. If this is your first visit, welcome. If you are returning, welcome back!

Coffee Fellowship time is at 10:00 a.m. Enjoy coffee, lemonade, water, and a treat. We welcome our visitors to join us!



Sermon Series

Previous Sundays—

The Reckless Gardner

Uncertainty in our Field

The Hidden Kingdom

How Much is Enough?

Today—

Keep Your Eyes on Jesus

by Duane Coates

Our Mission

To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Our Vision

Living, sharing and growing in God's love by bringing the world to Christ and Christ to the world through open hearts, open minds, and open doors.

Our Strategy

Radical Hospitality
Spiritual Growth
Signature Ministries
Collaborative Leadership

*Where + is indicated, standing or sitting, we praise God.
You are invited to read aloud the **bold text**.
Large print hymnals are available upon request to an usher
On the screen—Leader=white text, People=yellow text*

The Church Gathers to Worship

+ Call to Worship —

Leader: Sunshine and celebration! Rain and remembrance! All are part of the richness of God's mercy and love for us!

All: God has blessed us in so many ways!

Leader: Let us come to worship, just as we are, but with expectations of blessings.

All: We are glad to be here, praising the source of those blessings.

Leader: May God open our hearts and spirits to even more love.

All: We seek to be present for worship today in body, mind, and spirit, expecting God to bring us safely through the trials and tribulations of life.

*Based on a call to worship by the Rev. Nancy C. Townley,
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+ Opening Song — #2151

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me

The Church Lifts Prayers to God

Unison Prayer —

O God, our Guide and Guardian, you have led us apart from the busy world into the quiet of your house. Grant us grace to worship you in Spirit and in truth, to the comfort of our souls and the upbuilding of every good purpose and holy desire. Enable us to do more perfectly the work to which you have called us. May we worship you not only with our lips at this hour, but in word and deed all the days of our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Book of Worship ©1965

Lifting our Joys and Concerns

Leader: Lord, in your mercy / in our joy

People: Hear our Prayer

Call to Prayer — No. 2056

God is So Good

A Time of Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer in Unison

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.

Call for Children — No. 191 *Jesus Loves Me vs. 1*

Time Mostly for Children —

First Reading — Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 (Joseph sold into slavery)

Response — Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

+ Hymn of Response — No. 421 *Make Me a Captive, Lord*
Vs. 1, 2

The Church Hears God's Word

Sermon Scripture — Matthew 14:22-33 (Jesus and Peter walk on water)

Response — Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Message — *Keep Your Eyes on Jesus* Duane Coates



In Our Prayers This Week

Fighting Cancer

Sue Olson
Jan Barlow
Jo Thorson
Jill Olson
Arin, teenager of Dr.
Michelle Abshire of VCSU

Prayer Requests

Our 4GoG Ministries
mental health concerns
Lori Glaser
World Leaders
Military
People of Ukraine
Allen & Shirley Storkson
Jaxon Horsager
Kathy Mah
Mark Ziebert
Cindy Heidelberger
Christy Heflin
LeRoy Magnuson
Dale Neuberger
Wayne McKirdy
Karen Pullen
Erin Reielbach
Dick Hanson
Kaydence Jensen
Wyatt Tulp

In Joy

Medical Professionals
Toni Seidel

If you or a member of your family is going into the hospital or moving from one care center to another and you would like the church to know about this, please call the church office at 701-845-0340 or email office@epworthvalleycity.com. This helps our church family care for one another.

Ministers of the Gospel

All members of the congregation.

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The Church Responds to God's Word

Offertory –

+ Doxology No. 95

+ Prayer of Dedication

+Breakthrough Prayer –

God of our journey, we pray that you would break through anything that keeps us from encountering you and experiencing your transformational power. May we, on our journey, feel our hearts burning within us. May you empower us to respond to your presence in ways that others might know the resurrecting power of Jesus Christ. We ask this through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

+Closing Song — #593

Here I Am, Lord vs. 1,3

+Dismissal with Blessing —

Leader: Go forth ready to practice replacing fear with faith and worry with calm rooted in God's grace and hope.

All: We go, connecting deeply with the freedom that comes from trust in something larger than ourselves. We go in peace to do God's work among all of God's people.

Based on a benediction by the United Church of Christ and published on www.ucc.org/worship-way/after-pentecost-11a-august-13/

+Postlude —



We Care For Our Community

Please share with the church office if you, a family member, or another in our church family are experiencing illness, hospitalization, or need of pastoral care.

Pastor Duane Coates, Office: 845-0340 Cell: 605-695-5561

AUGUST

Birthdays & Anniversaries

16th Jan Anderson
17th Easton Hesch
18th Tyler Clark
20th Diana Vagle
21st Marshall
Pederson
23rd Derek Shape
Bill Bertram
Kevin Zahn
26th Amy Martineck
27th Gale Hansen
Bob Bruns
30th Jim Leadbetter
Ari Tulp

23rd Holly & Michael
Olason



WE'RE IN THIS TOGETHER!

Epworth Ministry Review

Attendance: Sun. August 6

In-person— 61 Online— 21

Stewardship: August 6—August 12, 2023

Daily Expenses— \$3,482.00

Glory of God's House— \$130.00

Water Heater— \$50.00



In Ministry Today

Music— Praise Team

Tech Team—

Lector— Matt Nielson

Ushers—

Address Change?
If your address has changed, please notify the church office @ 845-0340 or e-mail:
office@epworthvalleycity.com
Please help us keep our postage costs down by notifying the church of your address change.



Families, Individuals to be Photographed for Pictorial Directory—

A pictorial church directory is one way to build connection between members and to highlight who we are to newcomers. It also gives an historic snapshot of who we were and what we looked like when the photos were taken.

Our 2018 pictorial church directory has become dated and needs replacement.

Thankfully, Universal Church Directories is able to help us with that.

All we need from you is for your family to sign-up for a portrait sitting sometime on Aug. 22 from 7:30-8:30pm or Aug. 23 between 4:00pm and 8:30pm. As a thank you for doing that, every family will get a free 8x10 portrait and can buy more if they wish. You'll enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finish and framing options and have the opportunity to purchase portraits to give to family and friends.

To schedule your photography appointment, simply go to www.ucdir.com, click on photography appointment scheduling login on the right side, enter "nd132" in the Church Code field and enter "photos" in the Church Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have 6 or more in your family please use 2 consecutive time slots. Appointments fill up quickly, so schedule as soon as possible to secure your preferred date and time. If you are uncomfortable scheduling in this way, please call Bev Enger at 701-840-2255, or Cassidy in the church office at 701-845-0340 to schedule.



Bazaar Meeting— There will be a Bazaar meeting at the church at 7pm on Monday, August 14th.

Art Supplies Needed—

Our mission project during August is an Art Supply Drive for the Valley City Public Schools. Supplies needed include markers, colored pencils, glue bottles, glue sticks, drawing supplies (such as stencils, markers and pens), stamps, stamp pads, fabric, large-eyed sewing needles, photo printing paper, polymer clay, anything for jewelry making (such as beads, bead thread, clasps, etc.)

Please bring them to the church and place them on the rack in the gathering space during August.

Washington School Prayer Walk—

Please come to a prayer walk on Sunday, Aug. 20, at 4 p.m. We will start in the church sanctuary, to hear a word or two from Pastor Duane, sing a song and pray a community prayer in the sanctuary before going out to walk prayerfully and silently around Washington School (just north of the church). Those who choose not to walk may pray in the sanctuary or on the benches outside the church.

Backpack Blessing Sunday Aug. 20—

Before school starts, we will bless school backpacks during worship on Aug. 20th. So, all those attending school this fall – elementary, junior/senior high school, and college – are invited to bring their backpacks to the blessing during the children's moment.

