

By Mary Scifres and B.J. Beu

Invitation to Communion

Rev. Steele: Come to the table, you who are scattered and torn.

People: Here we find hope.

Rev. Steele: Come to the table, you who are anxious and scared.

People: Here we find love.

Rev. Steele: Come to the table, you who are weary and heavy laden.

People: Here we find rest for our souls, and food for our journey.

Rev. Steele: Come to the table, you who are lost and lonely.

People: here we discover guidance, and light for our darkness.

Rev. Steele: Come to the table.

People: All are welcome here.

The Great Thanksgiving.

Pastor Bea: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor Bea: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to God.

Pastor Bea: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

People: It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

Pastor Bea: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

From ancient times, you have created us in your image, called us to be your people, and taught us the ways of life and death.

When we were scattered abroad and became lost on the paths of death and destruction, you continued to walk with us, and beckoned us home.

In the words of prophets and poets, you called us to return to you, offering us a vision of renewal and promising a better future.

And in the fullness of time, you sent your Son, Christ Jesus, to show us the folly of our ways and to bring us once more into the community of saving love.

As we celebrate his invitation to abundant life and his call to partake of the holy mystery of being gathered into divine communion with you and with one another, we remember your many gifts and proclaim the mystery of faith.

ALL: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Rev. Steele: Holy are you, and blessed is our Shepherd, Christ Jesus. When you sent Christ to be with us, he called us to be his flock and became our Shepherd, that we might find our way home.

Through the holy mystery of this table, we are invited into your presence, tended to in our weakness, and strengthened by this bread and this cup.

With joy and gratitude, we remember that night when Jesus took the bread, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

“Take, eat, this is the bread of life, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

After supper, Jesus took the cup, blessed it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

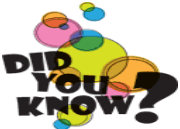
“Drink from this, all of you. This is my life for the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Prayer of Consecration

Rev. Steele: God of searching love, your presence has called us here to receive the bounty of your hand.

Bless these gifts of bread and cup with your Holy Spirit, that they may be signs of your homecoming welcome through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

PRELUDE		Yaroslav Daniels
WORDS OF WELCOME		Rev. Brian Steele
HYMN	<i>Welcome</i>	On Monitors or Paper Copy
CALL TO WORSHIP		Jill Burress
Leader: In times of struggle...		
People: God is near.		
Leader: In times of questioning...		
People: God is near.		
Leader: In times of confusion...		
People: God is near.		
Leader: We have come to worship the God whose grace refuses to leave us.		
ALL: Amen.		
OPENING PRAYER		Jill Burress
Holy God, sometimes we feel scattered. We wonder where you are. There are seasons where you feel far away. These are not claims of doubt, but cries of faith seeking understanding. But Your glory is not bound by our circumstances. Your light and love still break through. As we worship, may we experience your Spirit moving among us, comforting us, challenging us, calling us forward. Deliver us from our distractions and fill this room with your awesome presence. We give this time of worship completely to you. In your holy name we pray, Amen.		
HYMN	<i>Where He Leads Me</i>	UMH #338
SPECIAL MUSIC	<i>Minuet and Allegro</i> By F.J. Haydn	Double Play Flute and Tuba
CHILDREN’S MOMENT		Marianne Boschma
SCRIPTURE LESSON:	Ezekiel 1:1-4	Jill Burress
Liturgist:	The word of God for the people of God	
People:	Thanks be to God	
SERMON	<i>Dry Bones Live: God in All the Wrong Places</i>	Rev. Steele



Did you know....Sunday School for children and adults starts next week!
Children meet during worship and adults meet at 11:30 afterward. Come join!

COMMUNION	<i>All Are Welcome at God’s Table</i>	Rev. Steele and Pastor Bea Fraser-Soots
OFFERTORY INVITATION		Jill Burress
(WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR GENEROSITY. PLEASE, GIVE LIKE IT MATTERS, BECAUSE IT DOES.)		
Please place your Connect Cards in the offering plate along with any financial gifts you wish to give.		
OFFERTORY PRAYER OF DEDICATION		Jill Buress
OFFERTORY MUSIC		Yaroslav Daniels
PRAISE	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH #94
COMMUNITY PRAYER		Pastor Bea
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.		
WAYS TO CONNECT		Rev. Steele
HYMN	<i>Great is Thy Faithfulness</i>	UMH #140
SENDING:Go with faith that God will meet you everywhere you are this week		
POSTLUDE		Yaroslav Daniels

PRAYERS

Gratitude: Kind spouses, growing children and families, helpful neighbors, God’s beautiful creation, Kate and Zac who have moved to Phoenix for medical school, Stephanie & Nick Anttilla who are expecting a child.

General: All conflicts globally and domestically, the victims of wildfires, all our interfaith siblings, Paul & Donna, Luanne

Health: Nancy Lucas and family, Kathy (heart issues), Ana, Ben and Allison, Louellen, Cameron, Olivia, Nikki, Tony Tulgetske, James Lanstra, Sean Mullan, Bernie Shaw, Claudette Howell

Cancer: Anna, Janice, Meredith (family of Connie L), Amy G (friend of Paula M), Pat (Sandy R’s cousin), Dawn McCourt, Michael Jackson, David Shultz

Condolences: The families of the Tulgetskes, Ralph Curtiss (Carolyn ’s cousin) who lost his father after a heart attack, Denise Ruff, David O’Shea (Cathy Kwasky’s brother) Ethel Shapiro, Ruth Yuill, Dean Koppin, Beth Ellis, Judith Young Mayo, Peter Kalakailo, Bob Cook, those who have lost somebody to fentanyl overdose, families and everyone amidst their grief.

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Church Office Hours: Tuesday & Wednesday 11 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 2 nd	7:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts
	5:00 p.m.	Detroit Chin Baptist Church
Tuesday, September 8 th	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
Wednesday, September 9 th	10:00 a.m.	Caring Committee
	12 noon	Anna Cook Circle
	7:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts
Thursday, September 10 th		Choir Rehearsal, 6:00 Bells, 7:00 Chancel Choir
Friday, September 11 th	5:00 p.m.	Detroit Chin Baptist Church
Saturday, September 12 th	11:00 a.m.	"Bibles and Brunch: A Study on Ezekiel"
Sunday, September 13 th	9:00 a.m.	Blood drive
	10:00 a.m.	Worship/Children's Sunday School
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour/Bible Study
Monday, September 14 th	6:30 p.m.	Outreach



YOU ARE A BLESSING FROM GOD: "We are grateful for all of our guests, please fill out the Connect Card in your program or scan the QR code if you prefer."

PASTOR OFFICE HOURS: Brian is in the office Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10-3:00 and is available by phone at 269-274-0029 every day except Friday.

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS ARE In loving memory of Dave Brichford Karen Brichford December 6th is open to honor your loved one @ \$30.00

RUMMAGE SALE

Friday, **October 16th** 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Saturday, **October 17th** 9 a.m. – 12 noon. Set up begins on Sunday, **October 11th** after worship. Contact: Paula Mullan 248-514-2423 signup/drop off.

The Women's Tuesday night Bible study will be reading Integrity: Living the truth. (LifeGuide Bible Studies) by [Carolyn](#) Nystrom, starting this Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. This ten-session course invites us to find contentment in who we are and how we follow God as we grow to be people of integrity. We will explore integrity through a scriptural lens. Please see Barbara Walker (walkerbarbar@yahoo.com) for more. Book Cost \$10



- 2nd Yvonne Christensen, Tom Horton, Ana Palmer
5th Carolyn Danielson, 6th Susanna Arun, Beverly King
7th Beulah Arun, 8th Edwin Arun, 10th Lee Imus
13th Dan Latimer, 14th Heather Shymanski,
19th Melanie Stevenson, 20th Debbie Muncey
24th Janice Pohl, 25th Mary Sue Duffy, Loni Stevenson
26th Claude Christensen
3rd James & Karla Aren 6th Larry & Loni Stevenson
16th Scott & Pamela Lodge, 19th David & Janice Pohl
24th Tom & Elaine Malafouris, 25th Sam & Sherry Carnell



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OUR MISSION

To welcome and connect all people with God through relevant discipleship and service.