

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME! Protestant Worship is a spiritual home - a family on the Naz campus. It is a place of **belonging** in Christian fellowship. It is also a place for **becoming**, for discerning God's call in your life. Come - participate, observe, question, seek. *You are welcome, just as you are.*

We want YOU to take an active role in Protestant Worship!

Whether it's greeting people, preparing snack, singing in the choir or helping clean up, worship is more meaningful when you are involved. Consider how you might strengthen your involvement in worship this semester!

Join the Choir! 7:15 PM Sundays in the Community Room (GAC 151)

Come praise God with song! No previous experience necessary. Contact Sydney Schierer sseese1@mail.naz.edu or Eric Hauck ehauck1@naz.edu for more information.

Soul Tending Life Group 7-8 PM Wednesdays Meditation Room (GAC 101)

You are invited to participate in a Small Group with graduate student Whitney Merritt on Wednesdays starting August 29th, in the Meditation Room. A Life Group is a group of people who covenant to do life together. Bring a friend!

Ice Cream Social Tuesday, September 11th 8-9:30PM (GAC 1st Floor)

Enjoy an ice cream sundae and learn about the various programs that students in the Center For Spirituality Club are planning at Nazareth this year.

Ecumenical Retreat Friday-Sunday, September 28th-30th (Depart 4:30)

Get off campus to meet new people and enjoy home cooked meals! Meet a real monk, chase sheep, enjoy nature, and most importantly, discover Christ in yourself and others. The theme is "The Questions God Asks Us." For more information email Alison, aschmie1@naz.edu.

Imagine What's NEXT! November 9-11, 2012 (Saint Louis, MI)

Through speakers, worship, engagement in small group discussion NEXT will challenge and inspire you to plan the next faithful steps for your vocation, your community, the church and the world. Appearance by the band, Gungor. Email Alison at aschmie1@naz.edu for more information!

To contact Alison, email aschmie1@naz.edu, call (585) 389-2306, or visit her office (GAC 164). She's on campus on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9-5pm.

15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 9, 2012

8:30 pm



Protestant Worship

Linehan Chapel
Nazareth College

Alison Schmied, Protestant Chaplain

Sydney Schierer and Eric Hauck,
Music Leaders

GATHERING MUSIC

Eric Hauck

*Please sign and pass the Friendship Binder,
and kindly turn off phones.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alison Schmied

INTROIT

Congregation

“When Jesus the Healer”

#263

The United Methodist Hymnal

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Beth Ver Steeg

One: A sterling reputation is better than striking it rich;

All: a gracious spirit is better than money in the bank.

One: The rich and the poor shake hands as equals-

All: God made them both!

One: Whoever sows sin reaps weeds,

All: and bullying anger sputters into nothing.

One: Generous hands are blessed hands

All: because they give bread to the poor.

One: Don't walk on the poor just because they're poor,
and don't use your position to crush the weak,

All: because God will come to their defense; the life you took, God will take from you and give back to them.

*SONG

“Taste and See”

Choir

The United Methodist Hymnal

OPENING PRAYER (unison)

Sydney Schierer

Holy Lord, maker of us all, you call us to love our neighbors as ourselves and teach us that faith without works is dead.

Open us to the opportunities for ministry that lie before us, where faith and words and the need of our neighbor come together in name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

CHARGE

BLESSING

*SUNG RESPONSE

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

Let there be peace on earth,

and let it begin with me;

Let there be peace on earth,

the peace that was meant to be.

With God our Creator,

children all are we.

Let us walk with each other,

in perfect harmony

Let peace begin with me,

let this be the moment now

with every step I take,

let this be my solemn vow:

to take each moment and live each moment

in peace eternally

Let there be peace on earth,

and let it begin with me.

BENEDICTION

Worship is over...service begins!

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Claire Malboeuf

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Friends, in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*SHARING SIGNS OF GOD'S PEACE

Hannah Schuetz

*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

BIBLE READING: EPISTLE LESSON

James 2:1-10, 14-17 (NRSV)

Olivia Abbott

¹My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please', while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there', or, 'Sit at my feet', ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? ⁸You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. ¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

CHOIR ANTHEM

"When the Church of Jesus"

Mark 7:24-30 (NRSV)

Amy Gettig

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SERMON

Character of the Community Alison Schmied

*HYMN

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

#664

The United Methodist Hymnal

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

Our Father in heaven, holy is your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our sin, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

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