

WELCOME AND CENTERING MOMENT

PRELUDE.....Jamie Reed

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: For all those who have paved the way for our freedom of worship, we give thanks, O Lord.

P: For those who have taught us about witness and the power of love, we give thanks, O Lord.

L: For those who work in our church that we may come to know what it means to serve, we give thanks, O Lord.

P: For all the saints, those who rest from their labors, and those who labor still, we give thanks, O Lord.

L: Praise be to God, who continually inspires and guides workers and witnesses.

P: Open our hearts and spirits, O Lord, and help us to become good workers for you. AMEN

*OPENING HYMN....."Rejoice in God's Saints"UMH #708

***OPENING UNISON PRAYER**

Lord of mercy, forgive us when we make excuses for our lack of faith. We let our selfishness and apathy get in the way of illumination and peace. We find ways to duck out of our opportunities for service and witness, claiming that we are too small or too ill-equipped to be effective witnesses to Jesus Christ. How foolish we can be! All of our lives God has been present to us, whether or not we knew it. God's love is always surrounding us. Yet, we have not taken the time to recognize it. Help us, O Lord. Stop us from being so faithless. Open our hearts with your forgiving spirits that we, having been healed and forgiven, may be effective witnesses to your love and compassion. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

YOUNG DISCIPLES TIME

SCRIPTURE READING.....Hebrews 11:29—34, 12:1—2
pew Bible, page #1834 Liturgist, Cyndi O'Hara

Thanks be to God for the gift of Scripture.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC....."In Jesus' Name".....Trinity Pullen

SERMON.....A Life of Faith: Leaning on a Great Cloud"
Rev. Dr. Barrie Tritle

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

OFFERTORY INVITATION (www.spencergumc.com/give.php)
OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY.....Doxology.....UMH #94

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

CONCERNS AND JOYS
PASTORAL PRAYER
THE LORD'S PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN... "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God".....UMH #712

*COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING
POSTLUDE

*Please stand as able

Calendar of Church Events for GUMC:

Sunday, July 30, 2023

9:00 AM Worship Service

Monday, July 31, 2023

Tuesday, August 1, 2023

Wednesday, August 2, 2023

Thursday, August 3, 2023

1:30 PM UW Faith Meeting @ BenTena Room. Guests welcome!
Ruth Circle providing the program. A member from Esther Circle is providing a variety of ice cream treats.

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM Root Beer Floats

Friday, August 4, 2023

Saturday, August 5, 2023

Looking for Sunday morning Greeters.

Sign up in the Narthex or contact Dorothy DeGroot.

Dinner Church

Saturday, August 12th

Sign up in the Narthex to provide food.

Mainstreet Market

Thursdays, August 3rd through August 17th

Root Beer Floats: Opportunities to participate & donate in the Narthex.

Weighted Works With Love: Stop at their booth to see the lap pads, weighted blankets and shoulder wraps.

Grace United Methodist Church – Spencer, Iowa

www.spencergumc.com – 712-262-5970

Rev. Dr. Barrie Tritle

Ministers: All God's People!

9:00 AM

Sunday, July 30, 2023

HAVE *faith*

A Life of Faith: Instructions from Hebrews

Sermon Series

July 30 – August 13, 2023