

* **Closing Song** Have Thine Own Way UMH #382

* **Benediction**

Postlude Voluntary in G Henry Heron, 18th Century

* Please stand if you desire

Potluck Meal today following worship—Join us for a end of the summer get together. The church will provide fried chicken from Main Street Market. Bring a side dish to share. There will be plenty, all are welcome, even if you forgot a dish to share.

Open House, 4-7 pm on Tuesday, September 7 to introduce our new Kids First Director, Abby Torres.

Wednesday Night Youth Groups begin again on Sept. 8th. Supper is \$3, and begins at 5:30 and then we break into groups from 6 to 7 pm. We have a group for all ages, Pre-K through Senior High.

Senior Lunch is back! - All are welcome to the senior lunch on September 22 at noon.

September Mission Outreach will be to support DOVES. The DOVES Program provides support to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking in Scotts Bluff County. Items needed include: Non-perishable food items like Mac and Cheese, Ramen Noodles, canned soups with pull-tab openers --- or full-size bottles of conditioner.







9:30 AM

Live Feed at [Our website](#) or [Our Facebook page](#)

September 5, 2021

Ways to GIVE

<i>ONLINE</i>	<i>IN PERSON</i>	<i>TEXT</i>	<i>E.F.T.</i>
			
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Centering Thoughts (Ps. 125, James 2)

*Remember God's gracious abundance and give thanks.
Remember Christ's call upon our lives to be faithful.
Open yourselves to the Holy Spirit. For this is the time to worship.*

Prelude

Reflections on "Woodworth" Hugh S. Livingston, 2001
Meditation on "Showalter" David Lasky, 2020
All Things Bright and Beautiful Anna Laura Page, 2011

Greeting

*** Bringing in the Light**

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life UMH #427

Passing the Peace of Christ

Christ gives us the great commandment to love God and love our neighbor. In the name of Christ, I invite you to share peace and love with your neighbor.

Welcome & Announcements

*Welcome! We are glad you chose to worship with us today.
Send us a text (308.672-3241 — Craig) for prayer concerns.*

*** Call to Worship** (Psalm 125)

We gather here to worship God,
whose steadfast love endures forever.
**We gather surrounded by God's Holy Spirit,
who encourages us to walk faithfully with Christ.**
Praise be to God, whose goodness and mercy fill our days.
Praise be to God, whose ways lead to peace and justice.

*** Prayer of Confession** (James 2)

God of us all, your grace and mercy fill our lives every day. We give you our thanks and praise. Too often, we forget or ignore your presence in our lives. Too often, we treat your children unequally, deeming some more important than others. Too often, we forget that our daily actions need to reflect our faith. Forgive us, and lead us to embrace abundant life for all your children. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance (Mark 7)

Brothers and Sisters, Christ, the great Healer, brings healing and wholeness to our lives. In the name of Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.

Scripture Reading

James 2:1-17

Lori Collins

*** Response**

Gloria Patri

UMH #70

Special Music

Solo: Sandy Massey

Message

"Making Distinctions" Pastor Craig Collins

Offertory Invitation (Prov. 22)

*The Lord is Creator of all and the Giver of every good gift.
Let us offer to God a portion of these gifts, that all needs may be met,
and that all people may come to know the grace and joy of God.*

Ways to give include; mailing or dropping off to the church, online giving by clicking [here](#), through the GivePlus mobile App, or text the amount you want to give to 844-928-0313 and follow the prompts.

Offertory Music Near the Cross Arr. Dennis R. Johnson, 1995

Doxology

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**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*** Offertory Prayer** (Prov. 22)

Gracious God, thank you for these gifts. We offer them to you and ask that you bless them, that all may have food, clothing, and shelter. We also offer our very lives, asking that you bless us and use us, that all may come to know your steadfast love and your unending grace. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

Joys and Concerns Prayers of the People

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayers**

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Holy Communion

UMH #13

Communion Meditations:

Let Us Break Bread Together/We Remember You/Commune with Me

Arr. by Carol Tornquist, 1988

Spirit of God/Breathe on me Breath of God/Come, Holy Spirit

Elaine Ruth Schram, 2008

The Lord's Prayer

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.