

## **BERN REFORMED UCC August 7, 2022 'FM' 87.9**



**THE SINGLE FLOWERS** are in honor of **Leon Shock's** and **Sylvia Herman's** birthdays.

**BULLETINS:** "Happy 14<sup>th</sup> birthday to **Abi Roth**" from 'Grandmom' and 'Pop-pop'.

**PRELUDE:** "I've Found A Friend"

—*Thygersen*

### **A TIME FOR PRAYER & SHARING**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER:** God of love and grace, we bring our offerings this day asking that they might be dedicated to strengthening your Church for the making of disciples for Jesus Christ. Your prophet Isaiah reminds us that offering money or possessions is not enough. Isaiah proclaims to the Israelites that unless their offerings are accompanied by a wiliness to "learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow," the offerings are futile. Open our ears to hear what pleases you and open our eyes to see the opportunities all around us. We pray in Christ's name. Amen. (*Isaiah 1:17*)

## **CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 33:12-22**

LEADER: The LORD looks down from heaven, and beholds all the people in the world. He fashions all the hearts of them and understands all their works.

**PEOPLE: Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him, on those who wait upon his love. Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.**

LEADER: Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, for in his holy name we put our trust.

**PEOPLE: Let your loving-kindness be upon us, O LORD! We have put our trust in you.**

### **Genesis 15:1,6**

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "**Do not be afraid**, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

### **HYMN: "Trust and Obey"**

**1. When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word,  
What a glory He sheds on our way!  
While we do His good will, He abides with us still,  
And with all who will trust and obey.**

**REFRAIN: Trust and obey, for there's no other way  
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.**

**2. But we never can prove the delights of His love  
Until all on the altar we lay;  
For the favor He shows, for the joy He bestows,  
Are for them who will trust and obey. REFRAIN**

**3. Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at His feet.  
Or we'll walk by His side in the way.  
What He says we will do, where He sends we will go;  
Never fear, only trust and obey. REFRAIN**

**GOSPEL: Luke 12:32-40**

Jesus said to his disciples, "**Do not be afraid**, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

**SERMON: "In God We Trust?"**

**HOLY COMMUNION:** *"For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, 'This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'" (1 Co 11:23–25)*

**SONG: "Remembrance of Me" -by Matt Maher**

(Played and sung by Megan Williams)

The same God who held nothing back in sending Jesus will hold nothing back from you. The same God who proved himself so kind, so faithful, so strong, and so good through Christ's words and works is the same God

who today promises to continue to be kind, faithful, strong, and good to you today and in all your tomorrows. Giving thanks, we repeat the prayer that Jesus has taught us saying . . . **OUR LORD'S PRAYER**

**HYMN: "Immortal Invisible God Only Wise" NCH #1**

- 1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, your great name we praise.**
- 2 Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, but ruling in might;  
Your justice like mountains high soaring above  
Your clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.**
- 3 Your life is life-giving, to both great and small;  
In all life you're living, the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish as leaves and as flowers,  
Then wither and perish but naught dims your powers.**

**COMMISSION:**

PASTOR: Let us go forth into the world in peace and dedicated to Your service, O Lord. Let us hold fast to that which is good, render to no person evil for evil.

**PEOPLE: Let us strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak, help the needy and the afflicted, and honor all people.**

**ALL: Let us love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of His Spirit; And may God's blessing be upon us and remain with us always. Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE: "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" - Schlotzes**