

Good Morning  
And  
Welcome!



*August 20, 2023*  
*11:00am*

Order of Worship

Silent Prayer and Meditation	Congregation
Sounds of Meditation Bowl	David Lynn
Prelude	Chimes Group
“Jesus Loves Me”	
Solo by John Ray	
Greetings & Welcome	Pastor Suzanne
Announcements	Donna Fry
*Call to Worship	Donna Fry

L: We all have Dreams, Hopes, Visions for our lives.

**P: We seek a future with hopes, dreams and visions that are aligned with the dream of the Kin-dom and that continue to build upon our relationships.**

L: We all have dreams, hopes, and visions for the future of the Church, our Community, our Country, the World.

**P: We seek Jesus’ Dream of the Kingdom of God as a unifying foundation for our future as we work to build the Kin-dom on earth.**

**ALL: Help us to dream big like Jesus, to trust you on this journey, and be open in this time of worship to your guidance. May we dare to dream big and have the courage to carry this dream into the future of unknown possibilities.**

**\*Opening Hymn W&S #3157 “Come, Let Us Dream”**

1. Come, let us dream God’s dream again. Come, one and all, let us ascend the mountain top where those of old saw God’s new day on earth unfold.
2. The lame shall walk, the blind shall see, the doors swing wide, all prisoners free, the lowly raised, the proud brought low. This is God’s dream: let justice flow.
3. When hatred ends and war shall cease, so all may dwell in deepest peace, then be assured the time is near when perfect love casts out all fear.
4. But know the cost of claiming sight of God’s new day, of wrongs made right, for some have paid the highest price, their lives for us, a sacrifice.
5. Prophets are scorned in their own lands and martyrs slain by righteous hands; though dreamers die, the dream will live, for we have yet our lives to give.

**Opening Prayer**

Donna Fry

**\*Hymn of Preparation TFWS #2068**

**“I Love You, Lord”**

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you, O my soul rejoice. Take joy, my King, in what you hear, may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

**Scripture Reading Matthew 10:2-3  
Acts of the Apostles 1:12-26**

Brian Fry

<sup>2</sup>These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; <sup>3</sup>Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup>Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

**Acts of the Apostles**

<sup>12</sup>Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. <sup>13</sup>When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup>All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers. <sup>15</sup>In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ... <sup>16</sup>“Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus— <sup>17</sup>for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” ... ‘Let another take his position of overseer.’ <sup>21</sup>So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup>beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” <sup>23</sup>So they proposed two, Joseph called

Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup>Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup>to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” <sup>26</sup>And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

**Special Music “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”**  
Spirit Rising

**Children’s Time “Stay in Love with God”** Chimes Group  
Song is from the book, “Three Simple Rules” A Wesleyan Way of Living  
By: Rueben p. Job

“Do no harm by any word or deed: do good wherever there is need. Remain attentive to God’s word. Stay in love with God, stay in love with God”.

**Sermon “Expanding the Dream”** Pastor Suzanne

**\*Doxology UMH #62**  
**“All Creatures of our God and King (Vs. 7)**

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship God in humbleness, O Praise ye! Alleluia! Praise, praise Creator, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One!  
O Praise ye! O Praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**\*Offering Prayer**

Offering *plates are at the rear of the Sanctuary or visit [nevadacitymethodist.com](http://nevadacitymethodist.com) to donate to support our church’s ministries or mail your gift to the church.*

**Prayer Hymn UMH #2215 “Cares Chorus”**

I cast all my cares upon you, I lay all of my burdens down at your feet, and anytime that I don’t know what to do, I will cast all my cares upon you.

**\*Closing Hymn TFWS #2162 “Grace Alone”**  
**(Please form closing circle)**

1. Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith, every difference we will make is only by his grace. Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine, every blessing left behind is only by his grace. Grace alone which God supplies, strength unknown he will provide, Christ in us our Cornerstone, we will go forth in grace alone.

2. Every soul we long to reach, every heart we hope to teach, everywhere we share his peace is only by his grace. Every loving word we say, every tear we wipe away, every sorrow turned to praise is only by his grace. Grace alone which God supplies, strength unknown he will provide. Christ in us our Cornerstone; we will go forth in grace alone.

**\*Benediction** Pastor Suzanne and ALL

Go to dream like Jesus, go to co-create with God, go to walk this week with the Spirit.

**We go to dream, to create, and to walk onward on this journey of faith.**

We go in Grace and Peace. **Amen.**

**Benediction Song TFWS #2258 “Sing Alleluia  
to the Lord”**

Sing alleluia to the Lord! Sing alleluia to the Lord! Sing  
alleluia, sing alleluia! Sing alleluia to the Lord!

**\*Denotes, please stand as you are able.**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(August 20, 2023)

**Today!** SPRC to meet in the YOUTH room after church,  
about 12:30pm.

**Today!** **Silent Auction** continues in the Fellowship Hall.  
Come enjoy your coffee/tea and goodies and bid on some  
cool stuff!

**Tomorrow, Monday, August 21st at 10:30am:** Qigong  
class continues. Come and join this fun and rejuvenating  
class! To meet in Joseph Room.

**Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00pm:** Zoom study continues  
with Pastor Suzanne using the book, “Dream Like Jesus”.

**Thursday, August 24th:**

\* Prayer Shawl meeting 10:00am in Joseph Room

\*Band Rehearsal 6:30pm

**Guess What??** It’s that time of year again when **the jam  
making** will be in full swing!! Dee Ann Bellows is looking  
for 80 plus lbs. of sugar, 21 boxes of Pectin and 22 boxes  
(1 box=12 jars) of canning jars. This will make 264 jars of  
delicious homemade jam! Thank you!!

## ***Reconciling Congregational Pledge:***

*“We celebrate God’s gift of diversity and value the wholeness made possible in community equally shared and shepherded by all. We welcome and affirm people of every gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation, who are also of every age, race ethnicity, physical and mental ability, level of education, and family structure, and of every economic, immigration, marital, and social status, and so much more. We acknowledge that we live in a world of profound social, economic, and political inequities. As followers of Jesus, we commit ourselves to the pursuit of justice and pledge to stand in solidarity with all who are marginalized and oppressed.”*