

“This is the essence of gene/environment interaction. What does having a particular variant of the MAO-A gene have to do with antisocial behavior? It depends on the environment. “Warrior gene” my ass.”
– Robert Sapolsky

* Please stand in body and/or spirit as you are able

LET US GATHER

PRELUDE Resting in Jesus B.Logan

WELCOME to ALL!

No matter who you are or where you are on your life’s journey,
you are welcome here.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT In God Alone Taizé

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come together here as complete people. We leave nothing at home. We bring our minds with their capacity to think and reason. We bring our hearts with their capacity to love and empathize. We bring our souls with their capacity to reach out and join with others in ways we do not even understand. We bring all of our senses and all of our expressions. We bring our hopes and dreams, as well as our doubts and fears. We come together, each one of us complete, and yet incomplete without each other. For without each other to listen and respond, to agree and disagree, to grieve and to forgive, to look to a collective future with hope and work together in a collective present, we will achieve little. Come, let us worship together and join in witnessing each other’s lives.
All: We join together to witness each others joys and sorrows, each others hopes and fears, each others grace and beauty.

LET US PREPARE

*HYMN From The Crush of Wealth and Power B552

UNISON INVOCATION AND LORD’S PRAYER (trespasses)

We speak together in this way to show that, while we are many voices, we are also one voice. What we do here, we do together. What we say here, we say as one voice. In this way, we pray together, saying, “Our Father...”

LET US LISTEN

READING Matthew 18:15-20
Ezekiel 33:7-11

REFLECTION “How we push Water Uphill”

ANTHEM Where Two or Three Are Gathered C.Bigler

You are invited into a moment of silence for personal reflection.

LET US RESPOND

Gathering of Joys and Concerns
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Joys and Concerns Medema
Lord, listen to your children praying; Lord send your Spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying; Send us love, send us peace, send us grace.
(twice)
PRAYER
(and once more)
L: Let the people say ...
P: Amen and Amen.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY Sarabande J.S.Bach

*DOXOLOGY

***PRAYER OF THANKS AND DEDICATION (Unison)**
God, all that we have has come from You. Now we give of what we have to Your church, and to this gathering of Your people, that we may continue to show Your love to the world, that we may forward the cause of Your justice, and that we may work together to build Your realm here with You. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION (please see insert)

	LET US GO FORTH	
*HYMN	<i>Touch The Earth Lightly</i>	<i>B569</i>
*BENEDICTION		
*AMEN, AMEN		
POSTLUDE	<i>Postlude on “St. Denio”</i>	<i>R.Graham</i>

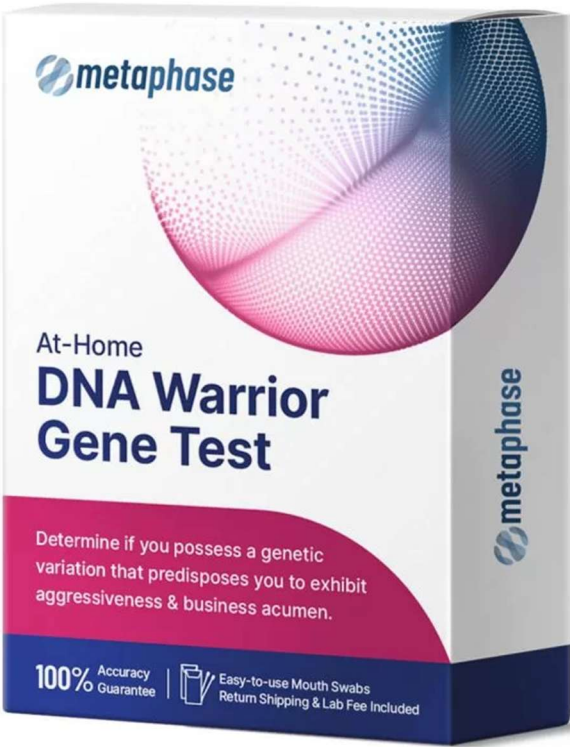
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Ministers:	The People
Pastor:	Mark Harris
Minister of Music:	Gene Faxon
Choir:	Janet Grant & Betsy Feiker
Worship Leader:	Lisa Bostnar
Greeters:	The Jacksons
Usher:	Betsy Potter
Flowers:	Syliva Hamilton in memory of Elizabeth Barnaby
Setup:	Dan Isaacs & Joyce Petkovich

Please join us for a celebration of September birthdays after worship.

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