

Celebrate The Gifts Of Women Sunday

Honoring Women's Spirituality

- * **Assurance Of Grace** (Unison) Jean McGuire
Can a woman forget her nursing child, or show no compassion on the child of her womb? As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you, says our Creator. Today we receive the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!
- * **Statement Of Faith** (Inside back cover of the hymnal.)
- * **Gloria Creatori**
(Inside back cover of the hymnal, or use traditional.)
- * **The Peace** (Response: "And also with you.")
- Anthem** "In The Garden" Jeanne-Minette Cilliers
- 2026 Woman Of The Year Award**
Roll Of Past Recipients - **Saying Their Names** (Unison)
2023 Recipient Ellen Grayson Presenting
- Prayer For Illumination** Barb King
- Scripture Reading** Mark 4:1-10 Sarah Melville
- Time With the Young & Young at Heart** Erin Wiggins
- Sermon** "Life With God and Nature on the Farm" Marilyn Rodee
- * **Hymn** #300 NPH "We Are One In The Spirit"
- Sharing Our Joys & Concerns**
Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer
Holy One, your many names are sacred.
May your presence prevail, everywhere and in our hearts.
Give us daily bread; for body, mind, and spirit.
Cover us with your compassion and open our hearts
to all our sisters and brothers.
Guide our steps on the journey and surround us with your love.
Holy One, you abide with us now and forever. Amen.

Birthdays: Lorien Kelly (Today); Ray Erickson (Tuesday); Sebastian Dekay (Wednesday)

- * **Hymn** #324 NPH "For All The Faithful Women"
- * **Charge & Blessing** Vicki McLean & Worship Leaders
One: Go from here with grace-filled hearts.
All: We go with love and compassion.
- One: Let your gentleness be known to everyone.
All: We will not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, will let our requests be made known to God.
- One: And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will guard our hearts and minds.
All: May the peace of God be with us always.
- Choral Benediction** (Please be seated.)
- Postlude** HaEun Yang

* Congregation standing, as you desire or are able.

A special thanks to Linda Potter for organizing this morning's service, and to all the women of the church for their assistance in leading worship. Please join us for Coffee & Conversation in Fellowship Hall following the service.

Woman Of The Year Past Recipients	1981 Alice Huddleston	1993 Carolyn Leavitt	2016 Wanda Renick
	1982 Evelyn Beckstead	1994 Shirley Norton	2017 Beth Hayes
	1983 Sandy Pollard	1995 Maggie Brizendine	2018 Martha Cole
	1984 Grace Paddock	1996 Jeanne Stone	2019 Arvilla Aldous
	1985 Mary Willmarth	1997 "Billie" Crowell	2020 Patricia Mace
	1986 Mary Perrin	1998 Rosemary King	2021 Ellen Janack
	1987 Ella Morter	2010 Marilyn Rodee	2022 Christa Lyon
	1988 Lorna Webb	2011 Tyke Miller	2023 Ellen Grayson
	1989 Willie King	2012 Joyce Bell	2024 Vicki McLain
	1990 Eunice Urban	2013 Donna Doig	2025 Faye Bartley
	1991 Nona Fisher	2014 Betsy Robinson	2026 ?
	1992 Anne Piskor	2015 Marilyn Coir	

Prayer Remembrances

We remember in prayer Corinne Duda, Marcia Hayden, Christa Lyon, Vern and Arvilla Aldous, Bev and Jerry Findley, Bob Fraser, Wanda Renick, Mark and Nancy Brown, Carolyn O'Connor, Bill and Karen Parker, Lew Shepard, Marilyn Coir, Christa Lyon,, Rich Denison, Joe and Mary Bean, Colleen Grant, Janet Favro, and all who are ill in hospitals, nursing homes or at home; those serving our nation and their families who support them; parents raising children and children caring for parents.

Serving Our Church Today

Greeter:	Colleen Grant
Director Of Music:	Jeanne-Minette Cilliers
Pianist:	HaEun Yang
Streamer:	Cameron Boswell
Nursery Staff:	Emily & Kate Ewy
Church School Director	Andrea Montgomery
Congregational Coordinator:	Linda Potter



At Our Church This Week

Today	3/22/26	- Celebrate the Gifts Of Women Sunday - In-Person and Live-Stream Worship (10 a.m.)
Tuesday	3/24/26	- Book Group (7p.m.) LL
Thursday	3/26/26	- Deadline To Order Easter Flowers - Set-Up for Palm Sunday Brunch (6:15 p.m.) FH - Choir Practice (7 p.m.)
Sunday	3/29/26	- In-Person and Live-Stream Worship (10 a.m.) - Palm Sunday - Potluck Brunch Following Worship

Celebrate The Gifts Of Women Sunday Honoring Women and the Gifts They Share

Gathering Music and the Ringing of the Bell

We Welcome You!

Stacie Olney-LaPierre, Elder

Greeting & Announcements

Choral Introit

* Call to Worship

Barb Brown

One: Grateful to God we worship.

We worship the God of Love.

Many: **God's steadfast love endures forever.**

One: We gather to worship God, for God has called us,
God's own people, and has given us gifts
to be a faithful people.

Many: **We remember that God's steadfast love endures forever,
and offer worship to God worthy of such love.**

* Invocation

Michelle Theisen

Special Music

Beatrice McManus

"Shepherd's Song" from Beethoven's Sixth Symphony

Litany (Insert)

Heather & Stella Russ

* Hymn #100 NPH

"My Soul Cries Out"

* Call To Confession

Aubrey Boswell

* Prayer Of Confession (Unison)

Loving and merciful God, you have searched us and known us and still you love us. We confess that we take this love and mercy for granted; we are careless with our gifts and resources, and we refuse to focus on you and your will for all creation. You call us to lead with love but we are reluctant leaders, or we lead with only rules and efficiency in mind. Grant us, O God, caring hearts, attentive minds and renewed commitment to follow you and to help lead others to you. In the saving grace of Christ Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Today we honor women in our lives and in our church who share their gifts in love, and do so with abundance and joy. We give thanks for their leadership, strength, resoluteness, — and the generosity with which they share their lives.

A Litany of Thanksgiving

One: O God, for your church, which throughout the ages
has called women to serve in this world that you love,

Many: We thank you, O God of boundless grace.

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who showed us how to listen and learn,

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Given by: _____

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THE APOSTLES' CREED

We are not alone. We live in God's world.
We believe in God, who has created and is still creating,
Who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God. We are called to be the church:
to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect to creation,
to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified, dead, and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us!
We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

THE GLORIA CREATORI

Glory to the Creator, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, it now and every shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

DOXOLOGY

(Inclusive Language)

Praise God from whom all blessing flow.
Praise God (Him) all creatures here below.
Praise God (Him) above ye heavenly hosts.
Creator (Father), Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Inclusive Language)

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everywhere and in our hearts. Give us daily bread; for body, mind, and
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