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Thank You for Volunteering Your Service Today!

GREETERS

Outside

Curt Jensen

Inside

Volunteers Needed

USHERS

Greg & Jacqui Pridgeon

Volunteers Needed

LITURGIST

Joan Long

COFFEE HOSTS

Marilyn Duke

Karen Castillo

Next Sunday, July 30, 2017

Pastor Diane Gordon preaching

Sermon Title: The Power of Small Things

Texts: Romans 8:26-39

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-46

WORSHIP SERVICES CAN BE SEEN ON CHANNEL 191

Most Recent Summer Worship Service: Tuesday - 7:00 pm,
Wednesday - 2:50 pm, & Saturday - 6:30 pm

Prior Weeks' Summer Worship Service:

Wednesday - 6:00 am, Friday - 6:30 pm & Sunday - 7 pm

Worship Service from the previous week may also be seen on CHANNEL 187
on Sunday only at 9:00 am, 11:00 am & 7:00 pm

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To watch music & sermons on YouTube, click the link on our website.

We are a Stephen Ministry congregation

Christian Care, Compassion, Listening

— when you need it most.

Spiritual Direction is available to the congregation.



The Parable of the Weeds

July 23, 2017

10:00 a.m.

*"Making Disciples of Jesus Christ
for the Transformation of the World."*

July 23, 2017

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**Those who are comfortable standing, please stand.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*(Please take a moment to sign the welcome pad
and pass it to others in the pew.)*

*** GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR**

*** OPENING HYMN** *And Are We Yet Alive* No. 553

CHILDREN'S TIME Jennifer Lane

SPECIAL MUSIC *If My People* Joseph Martin
Kendall & Charlie Farnum, Dianne Young, Chuck Holek

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 8:12-25

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

PASTORAL PRAYER *(Ushers will collect your purple prayer requests)*

Prayer Song *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* No. 526

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.

*** HYMN OF PREPARATION** *Be Still, My Soul* No. 534

*** GOSPEL READING** Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

THE MESSAGE Holding Fast Pastor Diane Gordon

A TIME OF OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory

Adoration Medley

Mark Hayes

* Doxology

No. 95

* Prayer of Dedication

(Loose coins will go to ICRH, Isabella County Rotating Homeless Shelter.)

*** HYMN OF DEDICATION** *Stand by Me* No. 512

*** BENEDICTION**

SUNG BLESSING *A Gaelic Blessing* John Rutter

POSTLUDE

We are glad to be able to worship together today.

We invite you to join us for coffee and fellowship
in the Gathering Space following the service.

Our thanks to Dr. Eric Tucker for accompanying our Special Music,
Offertory and Sung Benediction today.