

Anthon Community Methodist Church
3rd Sunday after Pentecost
Lay Pastor Shirley Nelson
June 29, 2025 @ 10:00 a.m.

Prelude and Lighting of Altar Candles

We Gather in God's Presence

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Song "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross" UMH #301

Call to Worship **Liturgist: Jerry Klindt**

L: Throughout the ages, disciples have said, "I will follow you wherever you go."

P: Lord, give us the freedom to follow you in the ways of love.

L: We come from busy homes, filled with little time to consider Christ in our lives.

P: Lord, give us the strength to follow you in the ways of peace.

L: In times of struggle, we look to God for help.

P: Lord, give us the opportunity to follow you in the ways of kindness.

L: Today, we celebrate the Holy Spirit, who shows us the joy of following God.

P: Lord, give us the patience to follow you in the ways of faith.
AMEN.

Opening Prayer

Holy One, we come before you today full of hope, full of desire, full of promise. Help us take up the mantle of faith you have laid before us, that we may use our own gifts of the Spirit to face the challenges before us. Help us face the turmoil within and around us, that we may face the future unafraid. Show us your way, your truth, and your life. AMEN.

Special Music "Jesus Strong and Kind/Jesus Loves Me" Erin Baird

We Hear God's Word

First Reading

Galatians 5: 1; and 13-25

Hymn of Preparation "They Will Know we are Christians By Our Love" TFWS #2223

Gospel Reading Luke 9: 51-62

Today's Message "I Will Follow You" Shirley Nelson

God Calls Us to Respond

PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR AND PEOPLE (Joys and Concerns)

The Lord's Prayer

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology #95,

Prayer of Dedication

All: Father, we come before you with joyful hearts, eager to give back a portion of what you have given us. May our tithes and offerings be a blessing to others as they have been to us. AMEN.

Closing Hymn "Where He Leads Me" UMH #338

Sending Forth with Blessing

Postlude

Ministers.....EVERYONE!
Lay Pastor.....Shirley Nelson
Liturgist.....Jerry Klindt
Organist/Pianist.....Eileen Van Meeteren

IN THE CIRCLE OF OUR CONCERN:

OUR COUNTRY, OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN, our church, our community leaders, our president, our farmers, Bobby Lewis, Tom & Cindy Herrick, Fran & Keith Determann, Ed and Carol Davis, Brad Harbaugh, Alta Patterson, Trisha Theisen, Keith Allman, Eleanore Lewis, Rick Gubbels, Lana Kropf, Tracy Lewis, Peggy Hansen, Bettina Perkins, Barb Madsen, Elwanda Sheriff, Joyce Gothier, Jeanette Kummer, Roger Hladik, Stephanie Johnson, Brittany Miller, Norma Bunnell, Roger Nelson, Jen Kerns, Mark Nelson, Sally Schram, Sheryl K Ashley, Dale Hunwardsen, and the family of Emma Noreen, killed in an ATV accident, Grandparents are Tom and Kris Sargent Noreen.

Remember our Nursing Home Residents!

Please let us know if anyone should be added or removed from this list.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Summer camp will be available at Blue Lake in Onawa for any young people who are interested in attending a 3-4 day camp. We will be providing the fees for anybody who is interested. Please contact Jolynne or Shirley if you are interested in sending your child (children) to camp as soon as possible for the July Camp.

July 4: Independence Day

July 14: Administrative Board Meeting. 4:30 p.m.

July 17: Senior Party honoring those people over 90 in our community. 1:00. Sponsored by the WOF.

July Readers: July 6-Tim Hoy, July 13-Erin Baird, July 20-Marilyn Hladik, July 27-Sue Wilson.

July Children's Story: N/A

Weekly Birthdays and Anniversaries: Austin Gothier; Michelle Fitch (29), Dan & Velma Brant (30).

May/June Upper Room Devotionals are on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

Anthon Military: To our men and women in uniform.... past, present and future, God Bless You and Thank You!

If you have a loved one connected to the service, please let us know.

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“No one who puts a hand on the plow and looks back
is fit for God’s kingdom”