

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* Town Hall meeting today during coffee hour. This will be your opportunity to ask questions about our finances, budget, etc. We'll also give an update on plans to help our budget and membership.

* Bible study at Rose City Park, Aug 2nd at 10:00 am. We will follow the lectionary readings that I am preaching on, so we will go more in-depth into the scriptures. Please feel free to take notes on Sunday so that we can discuss on Wednesday morning.

* CHURCHWIDE RUMMAGE SALE- AUGUST 24-25-26: Set up will be on Aug. 23. Volunteers to set up, run, and clean up are always appreciated. Let Debbie Meservey know, if you are interested in assisting with this fundraiser. Deb is the lead on this event. More details to follow.

* Last Sunday's Offering – \$1632

WORSHIP TEAM – This Week

LITURGIST – Nick Holton

GREETER – Mike and Glenda Brick

ACOLYTE – James Clark

USHERS – Rick Robertson and Nick Teeples

CHILDREN'S WORD – Linda Wend

COFFEE HOUR – Polly Mason

WORSHIP TEAM – Next Week

LITURGIST – Sharon Alderton

GREETER – Connie Cornman and Don Tryba

ACOLYTE – James Clark

USHERS – Jay Pennell and Fred Delaney

CHILDREN'S WORD – Abby Reimer

COFFEE HOUR – Johanne Otteson

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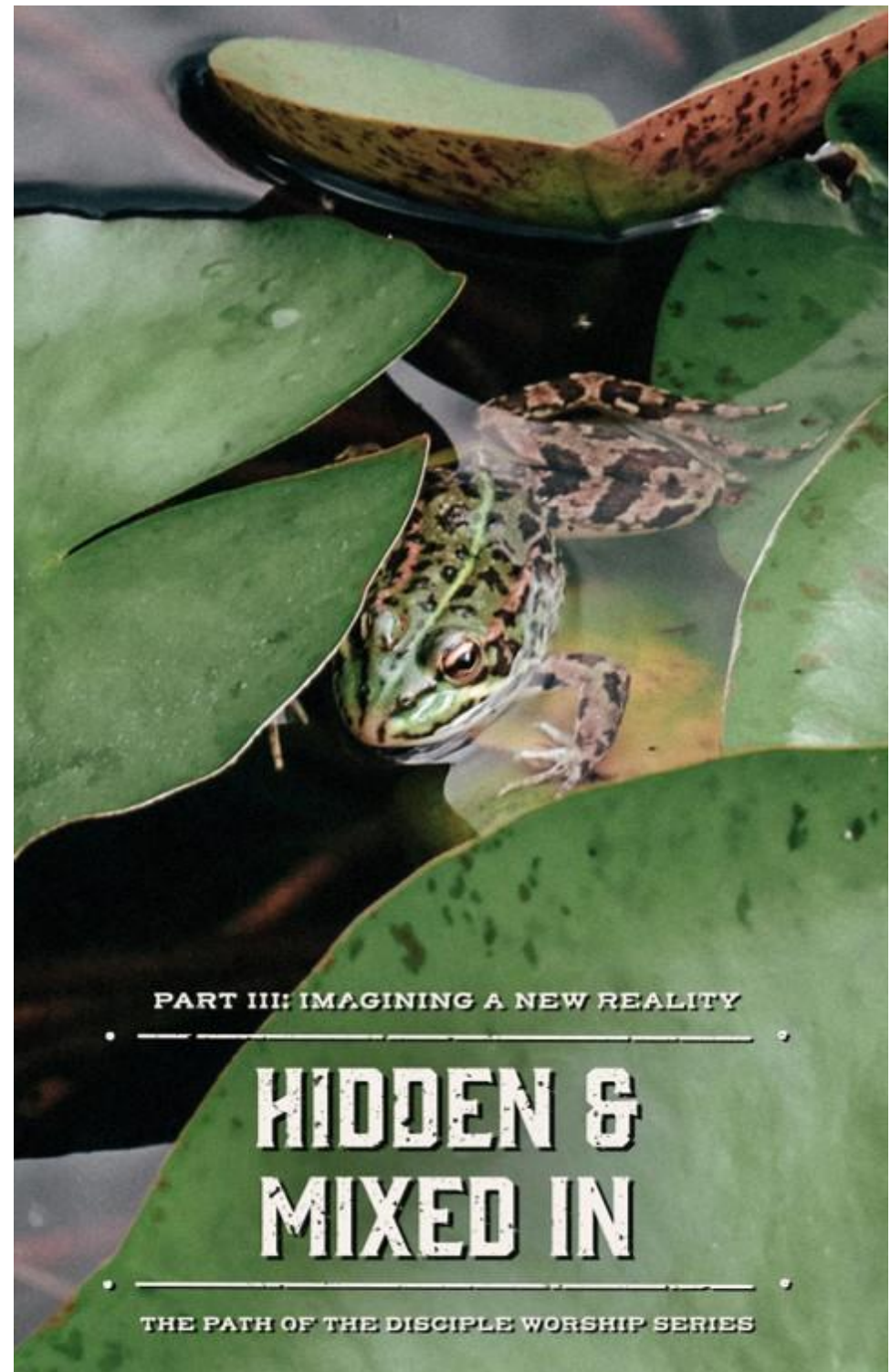
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Building Reservations: Lee O'Connor

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Please remember if you want to use any of the buildings (family center, church and/or church basement) for any function (whether church related or not) you need to check with Lee to ensure the building has not already been reserved.



July 30, 2023 – The Path of the Disciple: Imagining a New Reality

WELCOME and OPENING PRAYER –

+ TFWS #2190 – *Bring Forth the Kingdom*

+ A CALL TO WORSHIP – *Nick Holton*

L. We come to worship the Triune God who creates, redeems, and sustains us all.

P. We come to worship God who never leaves us and yet whose purposes often seem hidden.

L. As the bulb hides the flower, as the seed hides the tree, as the cocoon hides the butterfly, so too does God bring forth life even when we cannot see it.

P. We gather today to learn how to watch, wait, and anticipate the season when God's unrevealed work will come into the open.

L. As silence gives way to song, as night gives way to dawn, as the past flows through the present into the future, so too does God tirelessly persist in bringing about the abundant life of the kingdom of heaven.

P. We gather today to learn how to join in God's dance as partners who prepare for the season when God's unrevealed work comes into the open.

L. As our end meets our beginning, as our time meets infinity, as our doubt meets our believing, so too does God meet our brokenness with persevering love, unfolding a new reality of flourishing for all creation.

P. We gather today to learn how to love as God loves so that we may be part of bringing God's unrevealed work into the open. Amen.

+ PASSING OF THE PEACE

VISITORS, BIRTHDAYS, ANNOUNCEMENTS – *Nick*

CHILDREN'S WORD – *Linda Wend*

FAVORITE SCRIPTURE MINUTE – *Sharon Alderton*

SCRIPTURE READING – Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 – *Nick*

PRAYER TIME –

JOYS and CONCERNS

INTERCESSARY AND PASTORAL PRAYER

LORDS PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE – TFWS #2160

**Into my heart, into my heart, come into my heart, Lord Jesus;
come in today, come in to stay; come into my heart, Lord Jesus.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of all blessings, Jesus inspired us through his teaching to see your kingdom as a place where small things can have a mighty impact: a tiny mustard seed planted, or a bit of yeast mixed into the flour. We ask you this day to bless the gifts we offer, so that they may have a powerful impact when used according to your purposes. Bless us that we might see glimpses of your kingdom through our giving and grow in generosity in the process. In name of Jesus, our Savior and Redeemer, we pray. Amen.

TITHES and OFFERINGS

+DOXOLOGY – UMH #95

+ TFWS #2140 – *Since Jesus Came into My Heart vs 1-3*

SERMON – Pastor: Helen Alford – *Hidden & Mixed In*

+ UMH #540 – *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord vs 1-3*

BENEDICTION

+Congregation Please Stand (as you are able)

CONTINUING PRAYERS

Harper, Natalie, Baby George Savage, Dean, Mae Delaney, Krystal, John Nugent, Lee O, Carol and Denny, Rod's brother Roger, Pastor Helen and family, Military and First Responders, Search, Rescue, and Recovery, Doris, Sue, Lori