

*W**rship on the Water*

A Community Worship Event Sponsored by:

*Murray Presbyterian
Church*

August 17, 2025

10:00 am

Beaver Lake Pavillion 1

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: God has given us this beautiful earth and all that grows
and runs upon it.

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: God has given us breath to live and spirit to sing.

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: God has gathered us into a community of care and worship.

People: Let us worship God with love, thanksgiving, and praise.

Prayer of Approach:

**Loving God, Creator of all times and places, we thank you for the
gift of summertime, the days of light, warmth and leisure.**

**Thank you for the beauty that surrounds us everywhere we look:
the multi-colored flowers, the deep blue of the sky, the tranquil
surface of the lake, families gathered around picnic tables and
increased time to spend with family and friends.**

**As we open our eyes and ears to the landscape of nature and
people, open our hearts to receive all as gift. Give us that insight to
see you as the Divine Artist. Help us to realize and appreciate that
you are laboring to keep all in existence. Warm our souls with the
awareness of your presence.**

**Let all the gifts we enjoy this summer deepen our awareness of
your love so that we may share this with others and enjoy a
summertime of re-creation. Amen**

*Song: "Have You Seen Jesus My Lord"

Chorus: Have you seen Jesus my Lord? He's here in plain view.
Take a look, open your eyes, He'll show it to you.

1. Have you ever looked at the sunset, with the sky mellowin' red, and

the clouds suspended like feathers? Then I say you've seen Jesus my Lord.

Chorus

2. Have you ever stood at the ocean with the white foam at your feet, felt the endless thunderin' motion? Then I say you've seen Jesus my Lord.

Chorus

3. Have you ever looked at the cross, with a Man hangin' in pain and the look of love in His eyes? Then I say, you have seen Jesus my Lord.

Chorus

4. Have you ever stood in the family with the Lord there in your midst, seen the face of Christ on each other? Then I say You've seen Jesus my Lord.

Scripture: Acts 2:41-47 (Contemporary English Version)

41 On that day [Pentecost] about 3,000 believed his message and were baptized. 42 They spent their time learning from the apostles, and they were like family to each other. They also broke bread[a] and prayed together.

43 Everyone was amazed by the many miracles and wonders that the apostles worked. 44 All the Lord's followers often met together, and they shared everything they had. 45 They would sell their property and possessions and give the money to whoever was in need. 46 Day after day they met together in the temple. They broke bread[b] together in different homes and shared their food happily and freely, 47 while praising God. Everyone liked them, and each day the Lord added to their group others who were being saved.

Footnotes

a. 2.42 broke bread: They ate together and celebrated the Lord's Supper.

Message: "You Can't go it Alone"

(including words of testimony from Sherrill Konfest, Tanner Miner, Mike Luft)

***Song: "Pass It On"**

1. It only takes a spark to get a fire going, And soon all those a-round can warm up in its glowing. That's how it is with God's love, Once you've experienced it...You spread this love to everyone: You want to pass it on.
2. What a wondrous time is spring, when all the trees are budding; The birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming. That's how it is with God's love; Once you've experienced it, you want to sing. "It's fresh like spring." You want to pass it on.
3. I wish for you my friend, this happiness that I've found. You can depend on Him. It matters not where you're bound. I'll shout it from the mountain top. I want the world to know; The Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.

Prayers of the People and the 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.**

Offering

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Song: "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"**

1. We are one in the Spirit. We are one in the Lord. We are one in the Spirit. We are one in the Lord. And we pray that all unity, may one day be restored.

Chorus: And they'll know that we are Christians believers by our love by our love. Yes, they'll know we are Christians believers by our love.

2. We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand. We will walk with each other. We will walk hand in hand. And to-gether we'll spread the news that God is in our land.

Chorus

3. We will work with each other, we will work side by side. We will work with each other, we will work side by side. And we'll guard each one's dignity, and save each one's ride.

Chorus

4. All praise to the Father, from whom all things come, and all praise to Christ Jesus.....God's only Son. All praise to the Spirit, who makes us one...

***Benediction and Benediction Response**

**May the Lord, mighty God
Bless you and keep you forever
Grant you peace, perfect peace
Courage in every endeavor.**

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**Lift up your eyes and see His face
And his grace forever
May the Lord, mighty God
Bless you and keep you forever.**

Original Entries in the Session Minutes of Murray Presbyterian Church:

"According to appointment of the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church made at Philadelphia in May, 1860, I came a missionary to Nebraska Territory in July and commenced preaching half time in Rock Bluff, Cass county."

"By arrangement with those who requested preaching, August 18th was designated as the time for organizing a church. And on the day appointed, after sermon from Matthew 11:29, the following persons were admitted in full communion by assenting to the principles of the church, to-wit: Rob't. M. Latta, Letitia Latta, William S. Thompson, Hanna E. Thompson, William H. Royal, Elizabeth Royal, David Storey, Jane Latta and Mary Latta. Also Robert M. Latta and W. L. Thompson were, by ballot, chosen ruling elders and the organization named "The United Presbyterian Congregation of Rock Bluffs."

--Rev. Thomas McCartney