

Welcome- August 7, 2022

**Song: Come, now is the time to worship**

***Call to worship:***

Blessed be the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth!

**Praise be to God, the Giver of many gifts!**

Our help is in God's name, the One who calls us here.

**We come with songs of praise,  
with prayers too deep for words.**

Blessed be the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth!

**Blessed be the Lord!**

**Song: Blessed be Your Name**

God's greeting

We greet each other

**Songs (VBS): Great is thy Faithfulness**

**Awesome God**

***Confession*** (Response song: Lord, listen to your children praying)

Lord, we so often struggle to speak with you intimately. We make small talk sometimes, thanking you for sun and rain, for gentle breezes and low humidity. Though we may be grateful, we know that chatting about the weather is something we do with casual acquaintances and even strangers. Deepen the conversations we have with You, we pray.

***Response- Lord, listen to your children praying*** (sing)

Forgive us when we are shallow, seeking a quick blessing or a fast favor from you without being willing to invest fully in a trusting, committed relationship with you. Forgive us when we are one-sided, asking always for mercy and compassion, but not returning the same.

***Response- Lord, listen to your children praying*** (sing)

Forgive us when we approach you begging for guidance and direction, but then neglect to follow your instructions. Forgive us when we cry out with our pressing questions, but then stop listening for your answers.

***Response- Lord, listen to your children praying*** (sing)

***Words of Assurance:*** Matthew 7:8

For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

## **Commissioning Pastor Todd:**

### THE COMMISSIONING OF A PASTORAL VISITOR

Pastor: The risen Christ has entrusted his ministry to his Church, the whole people of God. The Holy Spirit equips us for work in his service enabling us to discover and use our particular gifts through ministry within the Church and the parish. This morning we will commission Todd Harris as a pastoral visitor here at Woody Nook CRC. In this role he will assist the pastors in providing care to those in less critical situations, visit shut-ins, those in long term care facilities or hospital, the sick and others as necessary/requested by the ministers and/or the Pastoral Care Team, coordinating with their own visits.

Todd would you please stand and answer the following question before God and his people?

Todd Harris, will you undertake to work with me and your fellow Christians, doing all to the glory of God building up of his Church and the extension of his Kingdom?

Answer: I will, with God's help.

Pastor: People of God gathered as a part of Woody Nook CRC, will you promise to support Todd in this work, accept his care as one of the expressions of God's care for you, and pray for him as he works among us.

Answer: We will, with God's help.

Pastor:

Todd, I commission you as a Pastoral Visitor here in congregation. May God bless your ministry. May you serve him with joy, know his strength in times of difficulty and experience his forgiveness in times of failure.

(Laying on of hands)

Prayer: Almighty God, by your grace alone we are accepted and called to your service; may you strengthen all of us by your Holy Spirit and make us worthy of our calling. Be present with Todd as he spreads your love to and through your people. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

## **Song: Amazing love**

Children's Blessing

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Matthew 6:1-18

**Sermon**

**Song- Your Love oh Lord**

Congregational Prayer

Offering song: **Ancient of Days**

God's Parting Blessing

**Song- Go my Children**