

The top section of the poster features a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds. Several colorful kites are flying: a white diamond-shaped kite, a large butterfly-shaped kite with orange and black wings, and two smaller multi-colored diamond kites. The text "RELEASING GOD'S BLESSINGS" is written in large, bold, white capital letters with a slight drop shadow, centered in the upper half of the sky.

# RELEASING GOD'S BLESSINGS

October 30, 2022

**“The Grace of Increase”**

**2 Corinthians 9:6-10**

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*All Are Welcome!*

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*“By your strength you established the mountains; you are girded with might.  
You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples.  
Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs;  
you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.  
You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water;  
you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it.  
you water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.  
You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness.  
The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy,  
the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain,  
they shout and sing together for joy.”*

Psalm 65:6-13

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+Stand as you're able.

PRELUDE		Kathy Bolton
WELCOME & GREETING		Pastor Shauna
CENTERING	<b><i>Sweet, Sweet Spirit</i></b> (#334)	Kathy Bolton
+CALL TO WORSHIP		Renay Oberholtzer
Leader:	We are blessed, not because we have everything we want,	
People:	<b>But because God provides everything we need.</b>	
Leader:	Consider the lilies of the field and how they grow.	
People:	<b>And yet God adorns them so radiantly.</b>	
Leader:	So don't let questions of doubt and lack worry your soul,	
People:	<b>God knows exactly what we need.</b>	
*OPENING PRAYER		Renay Oberholtzer
	<b>God, you are our source and everything else is our resource. You are an unlimited supply of grace, love, joy, and all that we need in our lives. Nothing can compare to you. Nothing comes close. There is no shortage in you. As we acknowledge that we are blessed, may we be generous in sharing our resources with others. Amen.</b>	
+OPENING HYMN	<b><i>Now Thank We All Our God</i></b> (#102)	Kathy Bolton
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE		Pat Moore
WITNESS TO GOD'S ABUNDANCE		
+HYMN	<b><i>Lord, Speak to Me</i></b> (#463)	Kathy Bolton
TIME OF PRAYER		Pastor Shauna

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Pastor Shauna

OFFERTORY

Kathy Bolton

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Renay Oberholtzer

**Generous God of provision, thank you for the abundance you pour into our lives. Help us to continue to be good stewards of all that you provide. Help us to remember that you created the world with enough for everyone. May we be fearless agents of distribution that create abundance and equity for all. This we pray in the name of Jesus, Amen.**

SCRIPTURE— **2 Corinthians 9:6-10**

Renay Oberholtzer

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written,

“He scatters abroad; he gives to the poor;  
his righteousness endures forever.”

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord that is still speaking.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

***“The Grace of Increase”***

Pastor Shauna

+CLOSING HYMN

***Here I Am, Lord*** (#593)

Kathy Bolton

+BENEDICTION

Pastor Shauna

POSTLUDE

Kathy Bolton

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**SERVING TODAY IN WORSHIP**

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Rev. Shauna K. Ridge

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LITURGIST

Renay Oberholtzer

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Pat Moore

TECH TEAM

Josh Dwyer

Terry Moore

WORSHIP TEAM SHEPHERDS:

GREETER

Hannah Smith

ATTENDANCE

Hannah Smith

USHER 1

Cyndy Weiner

USHER 2

Chuck Moore