

## WELCOME, ALL WORSHIPERS

WHOEVER YOU ARE,  
AND WHEREVER YOU ARE ON LIFE'S JOURNEY,  
YOU ARE WELCOME HERE.

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NOW THE LORD SAID TO ABRAHAM, "GO FROM YOUR COUNTRY AND YOUR KINDRED AND  
YOUR FATHER'S HOUSE TO THE LAND THAT I WILL SHOW YOU." GENESIS 12:1  
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(\* ) INDICATES WHEN THOSE WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND.

### PRELUDE

#### WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(PLEASE COMPLETE THE FRIENDSHIP BOOK AS IT IS PASSED DURING ANNOUNCEMENTS; THEN  
PASS IT TOWARD THE CENTER AISLE.)

#### A TIME OF REFLECTION

\***OPENING HYMN: #507 JESUS - THE VERY THOUGHT TO ME** (VERSES 1-2, 5)  
TRANSL. EDWARD B. CASWALL, 1849; ALT.

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)

LEADER: COME, ALL WHO ARE HUNGRY AND THIRSTY!

**ALL: DO NOT SETTLE FOR THAT WHICH DOES NOT SATISFY.**

LEADER: SEEK GOD, WHOSE WAYS ARE NOT OUR WAYS.

**ALL: YET WHO PARDONS US AND PROVIDES FOR OUR OWN NEEDS.**

#### \*OPENING PRAYER (UNISON)

**ALL: GOD OF MERCY, HEAR OUR WORDS OF GRATEFUL PRAISE. YOUR LOVE FOR US IS  
STEADFAST AND SURE. YOUR HAND REACHES OUT TO UPHOLD US. YOUR JUDGMENT IS JUST.  
YOUR FORGIVENESS OF EVERY CONTRITE HEART IS BOUNDLESS. YOU ARE OUR JOY. AMEN.**

#### \*THE GLORIA PATRI (SUNG)

**GLORY BE TO THE FATHER, AND TO THE SON, AND TO THE HOLY GHOST; AS IT WAS IN THE  
BEGINNING, IS NOW, AND EVER SHALL BE, WORLD WITHOUT END. AMEN.**

WORDS: ANONYMOUS, 4TH CENTURY. MUSIC: HENRY GREATOREX. THIS SELECTION IS IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN.

### ANTHEM

**SCRIPTURE LESSON: GENESIS 12:1-4**

**SERMON: "WHEN GOD SPEAKS"**

**REV. DICK HOTCHKIN**

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (DEBTS AND DEBTORS)**

**HYMN: #400 CHRIST IS MADE THE SURE FOUNDATION** (ALL VERSES)  
TRANSL. JOHN MASON NEALE, 1851; ALT., ST. 3 ADAPT. THOMAS H. TROEGERE, 1992

### SHARING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

LEADER: LET US GIVE AS EACH IS ABLE FROM THE FULLNESS OF OUR GRATITUDE TO GOD.

#### OFFERTORY

\***DOXOLOGY PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW.  
PRAISE GOD, ALL CREATURES HERE BELOW.  
PRAISE GOD ABOVE, YE HEAVENLY HOST.  
PRAISE FATHER, SON, AND HOLY GHOST. AMEN.**

\***UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION (ALL): ALL GOOD GIFTS ARE FROM GOD.  
WE SHARE OUR GIFTS WITH GRATITUDE. MAY WE GIVE WITH PASSION FOR  
JUSTICE, AND WITH GOD'S LOVE GUIDING OUR PATHS. AMEN.**

\***CLOSING HYMN: #370 WHAT GIFT CAN WE BRING?** (VERSES 2 & 3)  
JANE MARSHALL, 1980

#### \*BENEDICTION

#### \*UNISON RESPONSE:

**AND GOD WILL RAISE YOU UP ON EAGLE'S WINGS, BEAR YOU ON THE BREATH OF DAWN,  
MAKE YOU TO SHINE LIKE THE SUN, AND HOLD YOU IN THE PALM OF GOD'S HAND. AMEN.**

### POSTLUDE

OUR APPRECIATION IS EXTENDED TO MEMBERS AND FRIENDS  
WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP MINISTRY

USHERS: GARY & SANDY JARMUZEWSKI

GREETERS: ANN GEROW & TRISH McLAREN

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS: BOB & DIANA KELLY, PAT & JOE GARANT

ALTAR GUILD: ASHLEY WEDGE

COUNTER: ASHLEY WEDGE

#### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 23	10:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
		11:15 AM	SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MTG
MONDAY	FEBRUARY 24	4:30 PM	SEARCH COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY	FEBRUARY 26	1:15 PM	GREAT WORLD RELIGIONS CLASS

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ THE FLOWERS TODAY ARE GIVEN BY **JANET & DENNIS ARTLEY**.
- ❖ A **SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** WILL BE HELD IN THE SANCTUARY IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE TO ELECT A SEARCH COMMITTEE OF SEVEN MEMBERS. THE COMMITTEE WILL BEGIN MEETING **TOMORROW EVENING AT 4:30 PM** IN THE UPSTAIRS CONFERENCE ROOM.
- ❖ PLEASE CHECK THE CARDS AND CARE LETTERS IN THE MIDDLE HALLWAY.
- ❖ THE **GREAT WORLD RELIGIONS CLASS** CONTINUES ON **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26**. NEW PARTICIPANTS ARE WELCOME. CALL OR EMAIL THE OFFICE TO REGISTER.
- ❖ THE **LADIES LUNCH GROUP** WILL TAKE A SHORT WINTER BREAK UNTIL **APRIL**. FUTURE DATES WILL BE SHARED WHEN THEY ARE AVAILABLE.
- ❖ **MEMBER DECLARATION CARDS** ARE AVAILABLE ON THE TABLE IN THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY. YOU MAY COMPLETE THESE, AND PUT THEM IN THE BOX BY THE OFFICE.
- ❖ THE AREA FOOD PANTRY IS IN NEED OF: TUNA, HAMBURGER & CHICKEN HELPERS; BOXED POTATOES (AU GRATIN, SCALLOPED, CHEESEY); PANCAKE MIX & SYRUP; PUDDING (4 PACK JELLO OR FRUIT CUPS). PLEASE USE THE BAGS ON THE TABLE IN THE MIDDLE HALLWAY FOR YOUR SHOPPING NEEDS.

SUNDAY WORSHIP LIVE-STREAMED AND RECORDED -- OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES ARE LIVE-STREAMED, SHOWN ON THE INTERNET, AS THEY ARE HAPPENING AND RECORDED FOR VIEWING ONLINE LATER. PEOPLE IN THE SANCTUARY ATTENDING THE SUNDAY SERVICE MAY BE SEEN AS PART OF THE LIVE-STREAM AND RECORDING.

A UNISEX HANDICAP-ACCESSIBLE RESTROOM IS LOCATED THROUGH THE DOORS TO YOUR LEFT AS YOU EXIT THE SANCTUARY. A HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE LADIES RESTROOM IS NEAR THE LOCKWOOD STREET ENTRANCE. A MEN'S ROOM IS IN THE MIDDLE HALLWAY.

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February 23, 2025

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we welcome people as they are,  
share Jesus as He is, and serve  
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