

# WELCOME, ALL WORSHIPERS

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

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THE WORD OF THE LORD CAME TO ABRAM IN A VISION, "DO NOT BE AFRAID, ABRAM, I AM YOUR SHIELD; YOUR REWARD SHALL BE VERY GREAT." GENESIS 15:1  
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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: #160 HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING (JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD) (ALL VERSES)**

CHARLES WESLEY, 1739; ALT.; ADAPT. GEORGE D. ELDERKIN; ALT.

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

**LYNN BORKE, LAY READER**

LEADER: WE GATHER TOGETHER TO WORSHIP THE LORD,

**ALL: WHOSE GLORY IS BRIGHT AS THE DAWN.**

LEADER: MAY WE BE FORGED INTO A UNIFIED PEOPLE,

**ALL: A SHINING CROWN OF BEAUTY FOR OUR LORD.**

### **\*OPENING PRAYER**

**ALL: HOW CAN WE KEEP SILENT, GREAT PROVIDER, WHEN WE CONSIDER ALL YOU HAVE OFFERED US. HEAR OUR WORDS OF GRATITUDE FOR YOUR ABILITY TO FILL EACH DAY WITH SURPRISES, FILL EACH LIFE WITH MANIFESTATIONS OF YOUR SPIRIT, AND FILL YOUR CHURCH WITH THE MESSAGE OF YOUR POWER AND GLORY. HEAR OUR PRAYERS. 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 15:1-6**

**SERMON: "BOUND BY A PROMISE"**

**REV. DICK HOTCHKIN**

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

**\*HYMN: #503 O SAVIOR, LET ME WALK WITH YOU (ALL VERSES)**

WASHINGTON GLADDEN, 1879; ALT.

## 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: #159 AS WITH GLADNESS THOSE OF OLD (ALL VERSES)**

WILLIAM C. DIX, 1861; ALT.

### **\*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.

LAY READER: LYNN BORKE

ALTAR GUILD: NANCY WEDGE

USHERS: ASHLEY AND NANCY WEDGE

GREETERS: JOE AND PAT GARANT

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS: BILL AND DOTTIE HAASE AND PENNY ANDERSON

### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY JANUARY 19 10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

### ANNOUNCEMENT

- ❖ THE ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE **JANUARY 26** IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE, FOLLOWED BY A SOUP POTLUCK IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL. **2025 MEMBER DECLARATION CARDS** WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE MEETING.
- ❖ **THE ANNUAL REPORT** IS AVAILABLE AFTER TODAY'S SERVICE. PLEASE TAKE ONE PER FAMILY.
- ❖ PLEASE CHECK THE CARDS AND CARE LETTERS IN THE MIDDLE HALLWAY.
- ❖ **2024 GIVING STATEMENTS** CAN BE PICKED UP FROM THE ALPHABET POUCHES IN THE HALLWAY. THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR GENEROSITY. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE EMAIL DENISE AT [APNUCCBOOKKEEPER@GMAIL.COM](mailto:APNUCCBOOKKEEPER@GMAIL.COM).
- ❖ **FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:** CANNED FRUIT & APPLESAUCE (THE 4 PACKS OF JELLO & PUDDING GO OVER REALLY GOOD FOR THE CHILDREN), ANY KIND OF BOXED POTATOES (AUGRATIN, SCALLOP, CHEESEY), ANY KIND OF RICE OR NOODLES PKGS. THEY MAKE GOOD SIDE DISHES. FEEL FREE TO USE THE BAGS ON THE TABLE IN THE MIDDLE HALLWAY FOR YOUR SHOPPING NEEDS.
- ❖ THE MARTIN LUTHER KING COMMITTEE IS SPONSORING A CHILI SUPPER ON MONDAY, JANUARY 20 AT THE COLLEGE LUMBERJACK SHACK FROM 5 - 6:15 PM. THIS MEAL WILL PRECEDE AN INTERACTIVE PROGRAM AT THE COLLEGE. COST OF THE MEAL WILL BE \$4.00 PER STUDENT AND \$8.00 PER ADULT. IF YOU ARE ABLE TO MAKE A DONATION FOR THIS MEAL (A CROCK OF CHILI, CORNBREAD, OR COOKIES), PLEASE SEE DOTTIE OR BILL HAASE FOR DETAILS.

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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January 19, 2025

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share Jesus as He is, and serve  
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