WELCOME, ALL WORSHIPERS

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

(*) 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.)

*OPENING HYMN: #159 AS WITH GLADNESS THOSE OF OLD WILLIAM C. DIX, 1861; ALT..

*CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)

LEADER: ASSEMBLE GOD'S PEOPLE FROM THE FOUR CORNERS OF THE EARTH.

SEARCH THOROUGHLY; BRING THEM IN.

ALL: FOR IT IS GOD'S WILL THAT NONE BE LEFT BEHIND.

*OPENING PRAYER

ALL: LORD OF LIFE, YOU HAVE CALLED US HERE TO WORSHIP YOU IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH. WE HAVE RECEIVED SO MANY OF YOUR KIND GIFTS: FORGIVENESS FOR THE SINS WE COMMIT, COMPASSION FOR THE PAIN WE ENDURE, HOPE FOR THE YEARS AHEAD. MAY WE HAVE THE HUMILITY TO BOW BEFORE YOU IN THANKFULNESS, AND THE WISDOM TO RISE IN HEIGHTENED DEDICATION TO THE TASK BEFORE US. 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: PORTIONS OF PSALM 139
1 CORINTHIANS 12:1-11

SERMON: "GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT"

REV. CHERYL BURKE

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

*HYMN: #351 I WAS THERE TO HEAR YOUR BORNING CRY JOHN YLVISAKER. 1985: 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: #300 JESUS SHALL REIGN (VERSES 1 & 5)) ISAAC WATTS, 1719; ALT

*BENEDICTION: GO IN PEACE. LET THE BEAUTY OF THE LORD OUR GOD BE UPON YOU, AND LINGER IN YOUR HEARTS AND MINDS THROUGHOUT THE COMING WEEK, AND FOREVERMORE. AMEN.

*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: MARILYN KETTLER
ALTAR GUILD: NANCY WEDGE
USHERS: MAX AND VICKY LINDSAY

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS: JEFF AND ANN GEROW

GREETER: BETH PETTY

COUNTERS: DENNIS AND JANET ARTLEY

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY JANUARY 14 10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ WE ARE PLEASED TO HAVE REVEREND CHERYL BURKE, ASSOCIATE CONFERENCE MINISTER, WITH US TODAY TO LEAD US IN WORSHIP.
- ❖ HEARING DEVICES WILL BE ORDERED TOMORROW. THE COST IS \$135/SET. YOU CAN MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ALPENA FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UCC.
- ❖ THE 2024 GIVING ENVELOPES ARE ON THE USHER TABLE IN THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY.
- ❖ THE ANNUAL MEETING IS JANUARY 28. ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE.
- THE 2024 LADIES LUNCHES ARE SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 9, MARCH 8, APRIL 12, MAY 10, AND JUNE 14. THE LADIES WILL PLAN TO MEET AT 11:30 AM AT THE BIG BOY ON RIPLEY BLVD. PLEASE CONTACT BOBBI ZUBI AT 989-657-9996 IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS. ALL ARE WELCOME!
- ❖ PLEASE REMEMBER TO CHECK FOR CARE LETTERS AND CARDS IN THE MIDDLE HALLWAY.
- ❖ THE AREA FOOD PANTRY IS IN NEED OF: CANNED SPAGHETTIOS, RAVIOLI, MAC AND CHEESE, PACKAGES OF CRACKERS AND PEANUT BUTTER AND/OR CRACKERS AND CHEESE, 4 PACKS OF JELLO OR PUDDING SNACKS, CEREAL, AND POPTARTS.

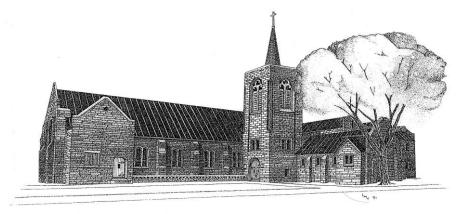
SUNDAY WORSHIP LIVE-STREAMED AND RECORDED -- OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES ARE LIVE-STREAMED, SHOWN ON THE INTERNET, AS THEY ARE HAPPENING AND RECORDED FOR VIEWING ONLINE LATER. PEOPLE IN THE SANCTUARY ATTENDING THE SUNDAY SERVICE MAY BE SEEN AS PART OF THE LIVE-STREAM AND RECORDING.

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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