

WELCOME, ALL WORSHIPERS

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

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(\* ) INDICATES WHEN THOSE WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND.

### PRELUDE

**WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**                      **MARILYN KETTLER, LAY READER**  
(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 GREATORIX. 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 LUNCHEAS 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.

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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 14, 2024**

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