

WELCOME, ALL WORSHIPERS

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

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SUNDAY

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JESUS SAID, "FOR ALL WHO EXALT THEMSELVES WILL BE HUMBLLED, AND THOSE WHO HUMBLE THEMSELVES WILL BE EXALTED." LUKE 14:11  
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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.)

MOMENT FOR MISSION

A TIME OF REFLECTION

*OPENING HYMN: #173 YOU HAVE COME DOWN TO THE LAKESHORE (VERSES 1-2)

CESAREO GABARAIN, 1970; ALT. TRANSL. MADELEINE FORELL MARSHALL, 1989; ALT.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (UNISON)

JIM McNEIL, LAY READER

ALL: IT IS GOOD TO GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD, TO SING PRAISES TO YOUR NAME, O MOST HIGH; TO DECLARE YOUR STEADFAST LOVE IN THE MORNING, AND YOUR FAITHFULNESS BY NIGHT. O COME, LET US WORSHIP AND BOW DOWN.

*OPENING PRAYER

ALL: ALMIGHTY GOD, YOU ARE CHANGELESS, THOUGH OUR VISION OF YOU CHANGES. WE HURRY TOO MUCH IN OUR LIVING, BUT WE PAUSE NOW TO WORSHIP YOU. WE THANK YOU FOR THE GIFT OF YOURSELF IN JESUS. HELP US TO APPRECIATE ALL THAT COMES FROM OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM. 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: LUKE 14:1-14

SERMON: "ASSIGNED SEATING"

REV. DICK HOTCHKIN

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

*HYMN: #177 GOD OF CHANGE AND GLORY (ALL VERSES)

AL CARMINES, 1973

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: #473 BLESSED ASSURANCE (ALL VERSES)

FANNY CROSBY, 1873; 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: JIM McNEIL GREETERS: PENNY ANDERSON AND JIM STRALEY
ALTAR GUILD: NANCY WEDGE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS: JEFF AND ANN GEROW
USHERS: PENNY ANDERSON AND GARY OR SANDY JARMUZEWSKI COUNTER: TAMMY VEASY

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY	JANUARY 26	10:00 AM 11:15 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE ANNUAL MEETING
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ANNOUNCEMENT

- ❖ 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.
- ❖ THIS SUNDAY STARTS THE **CHANGE FOR CHARITY** PROGRAM. THIS IS A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT OF THE STEWARDSHIP AND MISSIONS COMMITTEES. THE JAR WILL BE BACK IN CHURCH AND FOR THE REST OF JANUARY AND FEBRUARY. ALL MONEY PUT INTO THE JAR WILL GO TO **NEMROC**, AN EMPLOYER IN THE COMMUNITY THAT GIVES ANYONE A CHANCE TO HOLD A JOB BY PROVIDING SERVICES TO ASSIST THOSE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS. AN EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PROVIDES FUNDING FOR EMPLOYEES WHO NEED ASSISTANCE FROM TIME TO TIME WITH FOOD, MEDICATION, CAR REPAIRS, WORK BOOTS AND OTHER NEEDS. THIS FUND HAS BEEN SUPPORTED BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND THE HUNTER'S HARVEST IN THE PAST. THIS MONEY IS KEPT SEPARATE FROM THE OPERATIONS BUDGET SO IT DOESN'T GET ABSORBED BY OTHER COSTS. WE WILL TARGET FIVE OTHER CHARITIES THIS YEAR STARTING IN MARCH. IF YOU HAVE A SUGGESTION FOR ONE OF THESE FIVE CHARITIES PLEASE WRITE IT DOWN, AND GIVE IT TO A MEMBER OF THE STEWARDSHIP OR MISSION COMMITTEES.

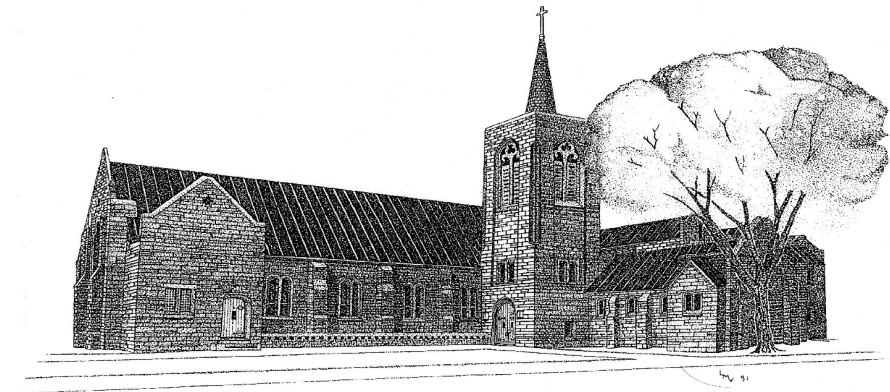
SUNDAY WORSHIP LIVE-STREAMED AND RECORDED -- Our Sunday worship services are live-streamed, shown on the internet, as they are happening and recorded for viewing online later. People in the sanctuary attending the Sunday service may be seen as part of the live-stream and recording.

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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 26, 2025

*As an Open and Affirming congregation,
we welcome people as they are,
share Jesus as He is, and serve
our community and the world in love.*



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