

WELCOME, ALL WORSHIPERS

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

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JESUS, LOOKING AT HIM, LOVED HIM AND SAID, 'YOU LACK ONE THING; GO, SELL WHAT  
YOU OWN, AND GIVE THE MONEY TO THE POOR, AND YOU WILL HAVE TREASURE IN  
HEAVEN; THEN COME, FOLLOW ME.' MARK 10:21  
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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.)

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

A TIME OF REFLECTION

***OPENING HYMN: #453 WHEN THE MORNING STARS TOGETHER** (ALL VERSES)

ALFRED F. BAYLY, 1969; ALT.

***CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)**

LORI MAYER, LAY READER

LEADER: WE ARE GATHERED HERE TO WITNESS TO THE ENDURING REALITIES OF LIFE.

**ALL: WE HAVE COME TO AFFIRM THAT LIFE IS A GIFT, THAT THE GIFT IS GOOD, AND THAT
IT COMES FROM GOD.**

LEADER: WE ARE HERE BECAUSE WE WANT TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE.

**ALL: HAVE WE THE COURAGE TO WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH, KNOWING THAT IT
MAY CHANGE US?**

LEADER: WE HAVE COME TO SEEK, TO FIND, AND TO BE FOUND, SHARING WHAT WE HAVE
FOUND, WITH CONFIDENCE NOT IN OURSELVES, BUT IN GOD.

***OPENING PRAYER**

**ALL: O GOD, BEFORE YOU OUR LIVES AND INTENTIONS ARE PLAIN. WHAT DO YOU SEE
WHEN YOU SEE OUR HEARTS? DOES THE WORD YOU SPEAK TO US FALL ON ROCKY
GROUND OR AMONG WEEDS? OR HAVE WE BECOME SIMPLE, OPEN, GENEROUS, AND
WILLING IN OUR FAITH? SEND YOUR SPIRIT TO FILL OUR LIVES WITH YOUR LOVE, THAT WE
MAY NOT ONLY HEAR BUT ALSO DO YOUR WORD. 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 GREATORREX. THIS SELECTION IS IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN.

ANTHEM

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: 1 KINGS 17:7-24

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: MARK 10:17-31

SERMON: "WHERE ARE YOU BANKING?"

REV. EUGENE BACON

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

***HYMN: #448 TAKE MY LIFE, GOD, LET IT BE** (ALL VERSES)

FRANCES R. HAVERGAL, 1874; 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: #565 GOD, WHOSE GIVING KNOWS NO ENDING** (ALL VERSES)

ROBERT L. EDWARDS, 1961; 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: LORI MAYER

USHERS: MAX & VICKY LINDSAY

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS: MAX & VICKY LINDSAY

COUNTERS: DENNIS & JANET ARTLEY

ALTAR GUILD: DEBORAH DESIMONE

GREETERS: DAN KIBBE AND ANN GEROW

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY	OCTOBER 27	10:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
MONDAY	OCTOBER 28	6:00 PM	QUALIFIED CHARITABLE TAX DISTRIBUTIONS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ PLEASE WELCOME REV. EUGENE BACON AS HE LEADS US IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING AND WELCOME BACK KAT!
- ❖ THE ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN BEGINS TODAY.
- ❖ YOU ARE INVITED TO A PEACE EVENT TODAY FROM 4 TO 6 AT GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, 119 W. DUNBAR ST. PASTOR TOM ORTH AND RABBI HOWARD MORRISON WILL TALK ABOUT CHALLENGES IN THESE CONTEMPORARY TIMES.
- ❖ **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY NOVEMBER 3. DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK.**
- ❖ NEXT SUNDAY WE WILL CELEBRATE ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED THIS YEAR.
- ❖ FELLOWSHIP HOSTS ARE NEED FOR **DECEMBER 22 AND 29**. YOU MAY SIGN-UP IN THE MIDDLE HALLWAY.
- ❖ SAVE THE DATES: NOVEMBER 10, THANKSGIVING POTLUCK; DECEMBER 8, HOLIDAY LUNCHEON.
- ❖ THE AREA FOOD PANTRY IS IN NEED OF: BOXED OR BAGGED POTATOES; MASHED, AU GRATIN, SCALLOPED; HAMBURGER, CHICKEN OR TUNA HELPER; CEREAL, CRACKERS, KIDS SNACKS, SOUPS. YOU MAY USE THE DONATED SHOPPING BAGS.

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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