

WELCOME, ALL WORSHIPERS

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

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*JESUS CAME TO GALILEE, PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD, AND SAYING, "THE TIME IS FULFILLED, AND THE KINGDOM OF GOD HAS COME NEAR; REPENT, AND BELIEVE IN THE GOOD NEWS." MARK 1:14-15*  
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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.)

READING OUR MISSION STATEMENT (INSERT)

*OPENING HYMN: THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS (INSERT)

THIS SELECTION IS IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)

BORIS GERBER, LAY READER

LEADER: WHY HAVE YOU COME TO THIS HOUSE OF WORSHIP?

ALL: WE HAVE COME FOR SOME GOOD NEWS.

LEADER: WHOM CAN WE TRUST TO BRING US GOOD NEWS TODAY?

ALL: WE CAN TRUST JESUS CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD, WHO HAS OVERCOME DEATH THROUGH THE POWER OF RESURRECTION.

*OPENING PRAYER

ALL: GRACIOUS GOD, WE COME THIS DAY, THANKING YOU FOR THE GOOD NEWS YOU HAVE GIVEN TO US IN JESUS CHRIST. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR GOOD NEWS OF SAVING GRACE. WE ARE THANKFUL FOR YOUR GOOD NEWS OF FORGIVING LOVE. WE PRAISE YOU FOR YOUR UNCONDITIONAL ACCEPTANCE. WE THANK YOU AND PRAISE YOU FOR A GOSPEL WE CAN TRUST. WE THANK YOU THAT YOU ARE A TRUSTWORTHY GOD, AND THAT WE CAN TRUST YOUR WORD WITH OUR LIVES UNTO ETERNITY. YOU ARE A WONDERFUL GOD, AND WE ARE ETERNALLY GRATEFUL FOR WHO YOU ARE TO US AND ALL CREATION. THROUGH JESUS, WE PRAY. 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: MARK 1:14-15

SERMON: "NEWS WE CAN TRUST"

REV. DICK HOTCHKIN

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

*HYMN: #493 O JESUS, I HAVE PROMISED (VERSES 1-3)

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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.**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*CLOSING HYMN: #489 I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY (VERSES 1-6)

THIS SELECTION IS IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN.

***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: BORIS GERBER

GREETERS: BILL & DEBBIE DEMPSEY

ALTAR GUILD: PAT GARANT

COMMUNION: PAT GARANT

USHERS: SANDY JARMUZEWSKI AND PAT LABADIE

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS: RON & LYNN BORKE AND BETH PETTY

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MARCH 3	10:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
			SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
MONDAY	MARCH 6	5:30 PM	WORSHIP COMMITTEE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 10, IS "ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING" SUNDAY IN THE UCC. THE REFUGE AND HUMANITARIAN CRISIS AND EARTHQUAKES, WILDFIRES, HURRICANES, AND FLOODING HAVE RAVAGED COMMUNITIES IN THE UNITED STATES AND WORLDWIDE, LEAVING FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES IN DESPERATE NEED OF ASSISTANCE. OGHS ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE TO SUBMIT YOUR OFFERINGS, OR YOU MAY DROP-OFF OR SEND YOUR CHECK TO THE CHURCH OFFICE (MADE OUT TO THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH WITH NOTE "FOR OGHS") ANYTIME THIS OR NEXT MONTH. THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!
- ❖ MEMBER DECLARATION CARDS ARE LOCATED ON THE TABLE IN THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY. PLEASE COMPLETE AND PLACE IN BOX BY OFFICE DOOR. THANK YOU.
- ❖ THE 2024 LADIES LUNCHEES ARE SCHEDULED FOR; 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.

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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