

WELCOME, ALL WORSHIPERS

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

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**BE KIND TO ONE ANOTHER, TENDERHEARTED, FORGIVING ONE ANOTHER,  
AS GOD IN CHRIST HAS FORGIVEN YOU. EPHESIANS 4:32**  
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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 BY OUR LOVE** (INSERT)

THIS SELECTION IS IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN.

***CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)**

MARILYN KETTLER, LAY READER

LEADER: COME, LET US DRAW NEAR TO THE ONE WHO LOVES US AND WHO DAILY SURROUNDS OUR LIVES WITH CARING AND FORGIVENESS.

ALL: LET US RAISE OUR SONGS OF THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE TO OUR MAKER.

***OPENING PRAYER (UNISON)**

ALL: LORD OF ALL CREATION, YOU KNOW EVERY LIVING CREATURE. WE GIVE YOU THANKS THAT WE MAY AGAIN COME TOGETHER TO PRAISE AND GLORIFY YOUR HOLY NAME. BE PRESENT WITH US NOW TO SHARE OUR REJOICING AND HEAR OUR GRATITUDE. 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: EPHESIANS 4:25, 29, 31-32; 5:1-2

SERMON: "PRACTICING KINDNESS"

REV. DICK HOTCHKIN

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

HYMN: #596 ROCK OF AGES, CLEFT FOR ME (VERSES 1-3)

AUGUSTUS M. TOPLADY, 1776; 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.**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

***CLOSING HYMN: #223 WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS** (VERSES 1-3)

19TH CENTURY, UNITED STATES; 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

USHERS: **GARY & SANDY JARMUZEWSKI**
GREETERS: **MARY MINNICK AND DAN KIBBE**
FELLOWSHIP HOSTS: **GARY & SANDY JARMUZEWSKI**
BILL & DOTTIE HAASE

ALTAR GUILD: **SANDY JARMUZEWSKI**
COMMUNION: **SANDY JARMUZEWSKI**
LAY READER: **MARILYN KETTLER**

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY	APRIL 6	10:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
MONDAY	APRIL 7	5:30 PM	WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY	APRIL 8	4:30 PM	SEARCH COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY	APRIL 10	5:30 PM	CHOIR REHEARSAL
FRIDAY	APRIL 11	10:30 AM	GREAT WORLD RELIGIONS CLASS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TODAY BY **NANCY WEDGE** IN HONOR OF **JOAN CHRZAN'S BIRTHDAY (APRIL 1ST)**.
- ❖ PLEASE CHECK THE CARDS AND THANK YOU LETTERS IN THE MIDDLE HALLWAY.
- ❖ THE AREA FOOD PANTRY IS IN NEED OF: TUNA, HAMBURGER & CHICKEN HELPERS; BOXED POTATOES (AU GRATIN, SCALLOPED, CHEESEY); 4 PACK PUDDING, JELLO OR FRUIT CUPS; AND PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY. PLEASE USE THE BAGS ON THE TABLE IN THE MIDDLE HALLWAY FOR YOUR SHOPPING NEEDS.
- ❖ THE NEXT **GREAT WORLD RELIGIONS CLASS** WILL BE HELD ON **FRIDAYS, APRIL 11TH**, AT **10:30 A.M.** NEW PARTICIPANTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME. CALL OR EMAIL THE OFFICE TO REGISTER.
- ❖ **MEMBER DECLARATION CARDS** ARE AVAILABLE ON THE TABLE IN THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY. YOU MAY COMPLETE THESE, AND PUT THEM IN THE BOX BY THE OFFICE.

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



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