

WELCOME, ALL WORSHIPERS

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

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“**BUT ONE THING IS NECESSARY. MARY HAS CHOSEN THE BETTER PART,  
WHICH WILL NOT BE TAKEN AWAY FROM HER.” LUKE 10:42**  
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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.)

A TIME OF REFLECTION

***OPENING HYMN: #17 To You, O God, All Creatures Sing** (ALL VERSES)
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI, 1225

***CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)** **JAY KETTLER, LAY READER**

LEADER: WE GATHER TODAY, SEEKING THE PEACE CHRIST GIVES.

ALL: WE GATHER, IN SPITE OF MANY A CONFLICT, MANY A DOUBT, MANY CONCERNS WITHIN OUR SOULS.

LEADER: WE GATHER, LONGING FOR THE BREATH OF GOD’S SPIRIT TO GIVE US COURAGE AND RENEWAL.

ALL: COME, CHRIST JESUS, BE OUR GUEST. BLESS US THROUGH THE POWER OF YOUR SPIRIT, AND GIVE US THE COURAGE TO LIVE AS YOUR DISCIPLES DAY BY DAY.

***OPENING PRAYER (UNISON)**

ALL: GOD OF STILLNESS, GOD OF ACTION, HELP US TO FIND A PROPER BALANCE TO OUR LIVES. TEACH US TO FIND THE TIME AND SPACE FOR PRAYER AND LEARNING, LIKE MARY, WHO STUDIED AT THE FEET OF JESUS. MAY WE DO OUR SHARE OF COMMON SERVING, LIKE MARTHA, WHO OFFERED HER SKILL IN THE KITCHEN. IN WORK AND IN PRAYER, MAY WE BE WORTHY DISCIPLES OF JESUS, THE INCARNATION OF YOUR LOVE. 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: LUKE 10:38-42

SERMON: “HOSPITALITY” **REV. EUGENE BACON**

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

***HYMN: #28 For the Beauty of the Earth** (ALL VERSES)
FOLIOTT S. PIERPONT, 1864; 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: #439 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God** (VERSES 1-2)
MARTIN LUTHER, c. 1529

***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: **MAX & VICKY LINDSAY**
GREETERS: **THE BODEM FAMILY**
FELLOWSHIP HOSTS: **MARILYN KATTLER**
PEGGY DiNEGRO
BEV OLSEN

ALTAR GUILD: **JOAN CHRZAN**
LAY READER: **JAY KETTLER**

THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR

❖ SUNDAY JULY 20 10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ **THANK YOU REV. EUGENE BACON** FOR LEADING OUR WORSHIP THIS MORNING.
- ❖ PLEASE CHECK FOR CARDS IN THE MIDDLE HALLWAY.
- ❖ THERE ARE OPENINGS FOR **SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP HOSTS** IN **AUGUST**. PLEASE CHECK THE LISTING IN THE MIDDLE HALLWAY TO SEE IF YOU CAN HELP ON AN AVAILABLE WEEK. THANK YOU.
- ❖ **MEMBER DECLARATION CARDS** ARE AVAILABLE ON THE TABLE IN THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY. IF YOURS HAS NOT BEEN SUBMITTED, PLEASE COMPLETE ONE, AND PLACE IT IN THE BOX BY THE OFFICE.
- ❖ THE **AREA FOOD PANTRY** IS IN **NEED** OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:
 - TUNA, HAMBURGER & CHICKEN HELPERS
 - BOXED POTATOES (AU GRATIN, SCALLOPED, CHEESEY)
 - 4 PACK PUDDING, JELLO OR FRUIT CUPS
 - PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY.THESE ITEMS ARE CONSISTENTLY IN SHORT SUPPLY. PLEASE USE THE BAGS ON THE TABLE IN THE MIDDLE HALLWAY FOR YOUR SHOPPING NEEDS.

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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