

WELCOME, ALL WORSHIPERS

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

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YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL,  
AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH." THE SECOND IS THIS, "YOU  
SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR AS YOURSELF." THERE IS NO OTHER COMMANDMENT GREATER  
THAN THESE.' MARK 12:30-31  
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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: #299 FOR ALL THE SAINTS (VERSES 1-3)

WILLIAM W. HOW, 1864; ALT.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)

JIM McNEIL, LAY READER

LEADER: WE GATHER THIS MORNING TO CELEBRATE THE LIVES OF PERSONS WE NAME AS SAINTS.

ALL: SOME OF THEM ARE LIVING, OTHERS HAVE COMPLETED THEIR PHYSICAL LIVES HERE ON EARTH.

LEADER: SOME HAVE TOUCHED US PERSONALLY, OTHERS HAVE TOUCHED OR CALLED INTO QUESTION THE INSTITUTIONS AND STRUCTURES OF OUR SOCIETY.

ALL: BUT ALL HAVE SHAKEN OUR BEING – ALL HAVE BEEN EXAMPLES OF LIVES OF WHOLENESS, WORKING FOR JUSTICE. WE CELEBRATE THESE PERSONS AND THEIR LIVES TODAY AS WE WORSHIP TOGETHER.

*OPENING PRAYER

ALL: TIMELESS GOD, WE THANK YOU FOR ALL THOSE BEFORE US WHO KEPT THE FAITH TO THE END. WE THANK YOU FOR BRAVE SOULS OF DEATHLESS FAME, AND ALSO FOR THOSE WHOSE NAMES ARE DEAR TO US OR REMEMBERED ONLY BY YOU. GIVE US WISDOM TO UNDERSTAND YOUR WILL, AND COURAGE TO LIVE AS YOUR PEOPLE IN THIS DAY; THROUGH THE GRACE OF JESUS CHRIST. 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 12:28-34

SERMON: "BECOMING A SAINT"

REV. GENE BACON

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

HYMN: #295 I SING A SONG OF THE SAINTS OF GOD (VERSES)

LESBIA SCOTT, 1929; 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

CEREMONY OF REMEMBRANCE (INSERT)

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*CLOSING HYMN: WHEN THE SAINTS GO MARCHING IN (INSERT)

*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

USHERS: BORIS GERBER AND PENNY ANDERSON

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS: MARY MINNICK AND JAY & MARILYN KETTLER

GREETERS: JOE GARANT AND PENNY ANDERSON

ALTAR GUILD: CINDY STRALEY

COMMUNION: NANCY WEDGE

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 3	10:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE HOLY COMMUNION SAINTS SUNDAY
MONDAY	NOVEMBER 4	5:30 PM	WORSHIP COMMITTEE
TUESDAY	NOVEMBER 5		ELECTION DAY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ PLEASE WELCOME REV. EUGENE BACON THIS MORNING TO LEAD OUR WORSHIP SERVICE.
- ❖ NEXT SUNDAY IS THE THANKSGIVING POTLUCK.
- ❖ THE LADIES LUNCH BUNCH IS MEETING AT THE STARLITE BAY CAFÉ, ON NOVEMBER 8 AT 11:30 AM. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!
- ❖ THERE WILL BE A SIGN-UP FOR POINSETTIAS AS SOON AS WE CAN GET THE PRICE FOR INDIVIDUAL PLANTS.
- ❖ SAVE THE DATE: THE HOLIDAY LUNCHEON WILL BE DECEMBER 8.
- ❖ FELLOWSHIP HOSTS ARE NEEDED FOR DECEMBER 22 AND 29.
- ❖ THE AREA FOOD PANTRY IS IN NEED OF: BOXED OR BAGGED POTATOES, MASHED, AU GRATIN, SCALLOPED, CHEESY; HAMBURGER, TUNA, CHICKEN HELPERS; CEREAL, CRACKERS, KID SNACKS, AND SOUPS. FEEL FREE TO USE THE SHOPPING BAGS ON THE TABLE IN THE MIDDLE HALLWAY.

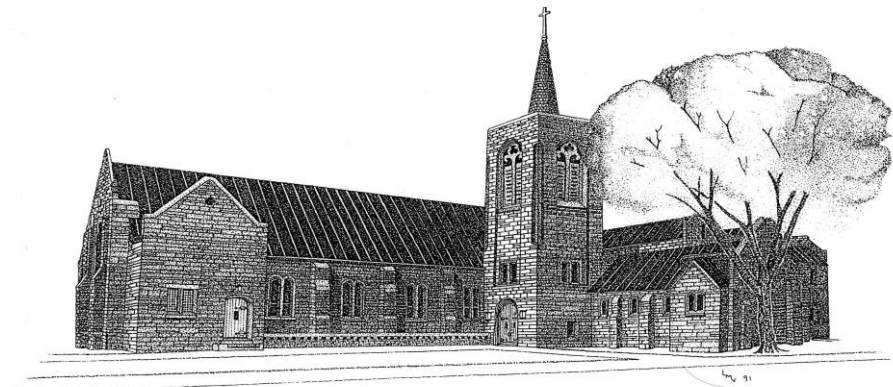
SUNDAY WORSHIP LIVE-STREAMED AND RECORDED -- OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES ARE LIVE-STREAMED, SHOWN ON THE INTERNET, AS THEY ARE HAPPENING AND RECORDED FOR VIEWING ONLINE LATER. PEOPLE IN THE SANCTUARY ATTENDING THE SUNDAY SERVICE MAY BE SEEN AS PART OF THE LIVE-STREAM AND RECORDING.

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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share Jesus as He is, and serve
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