

OCTOBER 19, 2025

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WELCOME, ALL WORSHIPERS

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

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“O SING TO THE LORD A NEW SONG, FOR HE HAS DONE MARVELOUS THINGS.” PSALM 98:1
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(\*) INDICATES WHEN THOSE WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND.

PRELUDE: THANK YOU, DEAR LORD, FOR MUSIC PRESQUE ISLE FOUR  
MARY K. COFFMAN

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: #67 LET ME ENTER GOD’S OWN DWELLING (ALL VERSES)  
BENJAMIN SCHMOLCK, 1732

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (UNISON) LAY READER, BILL DEMPSEY  
ALL: “IT IS GOOD TO GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD, TO SING PRAISES TO YOUR NAME, O MOST HIGH; TO DECLARE YOUR STEADFAST LOVE IN THE MORNING AND YOUR FAITHFULNESS BY NIGHT.”

\*OPENING PRAYER (UNISON)  
ALL: LOVING GOD, BREAK DOWN THE WALLS WITHIN MY HEART SO THAT I MAY BE OPEN AND RECEPTIVE TO YOUR WORD AND SPIRIT. MELT ME AND MOLD ME SO THAT I MAY HEAR ANEW THE GOOD NEWS FOR MY LIFE. MERCIFUL GOD, HELP ME TO TRUST YOU, LISTEN TO YOU, AND FOLLOW YOU. 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: SWING DOWN CHARIOT PRESQUE ISLE FOUR  
AS SUNG BY THE VAGABONDS

SCRIPTURE LESSON: PSALM 98

SERMON: “O SING TO THE LORD A NEW SONG” REV. DICK HOTCHKIN

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

\*HYMN: #376 GOD, WE THANK YOU FOR OUR PEOPLE (ALL VERSES)  
RUTH DUCK, 1986

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT MARILYN KETTLER

SHARING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

LEADER: LET US GIVE AS EACH IS ABLE FROM THE FULLNESS OF OUR GRATITUDE TO GOD.

OFFERTORY MUSIC: PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND PRESQUE ISLE FOUR  
THOMAS A. DORSEY 1938; ARR. J. BUZZ HAEGER

\*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: #547 AMAZING GRACE, HOW SWEET THE SOUND (ALL VERSES)  
ST. 1-4, JOHN NEWSTON, 1779; 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: A PARTING BLESSING PRESQUE ISLE FOUR

OUR APPRECIATION IS EXTENDED TO MEMBERS AND FRIENDS  
WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THIS MORNING’S WORSHIP MINISTRY

GREETER: PENNY ANDERSON  
USHERS: MAX & VICKY LINDSAY  
FELLOWSHIP: CIDER FEST

ALTAR GUILD: DEB DESIMONE  
LAY READER: BILL DEMPSEY

THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR

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| SUNDAY   | OCTOBER 19 | 10:00 AM | WORSHIP SERVICE        |
| THURSDAY | OCTOBER 23 | 5:30 PM  | CHOIR REHEARSAL        |
| FRIDAY   | OCTOBER 24 | 10:30 AM | CLASS: WORLD RELIGIONS |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ **A SPECIAL THANK-YOU** TO **LORI MAYER AND CRAIG WAAK** FOR BRINGING A TOUCH OF AUTUMN BEAUTY TO OUR SANCTUARY WITH A LOVELY FALL PUMPKIN!
- ❖ TODAY WE JOYFULLY WELCOME THE **PRESQUE ISLE FOUR**, WHO WILL SHARE THEIR MUSIC THROUGHOUT OUR SERVICE. THE QUARTET FEATURES **KARL W. HEIDEMAN (BASS)**, **MARK KINNEY (BARITONE)**, **JAY KETTLER (LEAD)**, AND **HAROLD RUDER (TENOR)**. WE’RE GRATEFUL FOR THE GIFT OF MUSIC THEY BRING TO OUR WORSHIP TODAY.
- ❖ THE **GREAT WORLD RELIGIONS CLASS** FACILITATED BY REV. GENE BACON RESUMES ON **OCTOBER 24TH** FOR THE NEXT SEVENTEEN WEEKS. THE CLASS FOCUS WILL TURN TO **HINDUISM**. ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THIS ENGAGING AND INFORMATIVE CLASS.
- ❖ **FELLOWSHIP HOSTS** ARE NEEDED FOR **DECEMBER**. PLEASE SIGN-UP ON THE SCHEDULE IN THE MIDDLE HALLWAY IF YOU CAN HELP.
- ❖ THE **AREA FOOD PANTRY** IS IN NEED OF **TRADITIONAL THANKSGIVING FOODS**: GRAVY (CANNED OR PKG’D), STUFFING (GREAT VALUE AT WALMART IS INEXPENSIVE & GOOD), CREAM OF MUSHROOM SOUP, CANNED GREEN BEANS, YAMS OR SWEET POTATOES, MASHED POTATOES (PKG’D OR BOXED) AND BISCUIT MIXES. PLEASE USE THE BAGS ON THE TABLE IN THE MIDDLE HALLWAY FOR YOUR SHOPPING NEEDS.
- ❖ PLEASE CHECK FOR **CARDS AND CARE LETTERS** IN THE MIDDLE HALLWAY.
- ❖ **UPCOMING DATES** TO NOTE: **THANKSGIVING POTLUCK (NOVEMBER 9TH)**, **LADIES LUNCH BUNCH AT POMPEYOS (NOVEMBER 14TH)**, **HOLIDAY LUNCHEON (DECEMBER 7TH)** AND **CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS CONCERT & OPEN HOUSE (DECEMBER 19)**.

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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share Jesus as He is, and serve  
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