

## WELCOME, ALL WORSHIPERS

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

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"RETURN TO YOUR STRONGHOLD, O PRISONERS OF HOPE; TODAY I DECLARE THAT I WILL  
RESTORE TO YOU DOUBLE." ZECHARIAH 9:12  
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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: #294 THERE'S A SPIRIT IN THE AIR** (VERSES 1-5)

BRIAN WREN, 1969; REV 1987

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)**

**LORI MAYER, LAY READER**

LEADER: MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE TO THE LORD, ALL THE EARTH;

ALL: BREAK FORTH INTO JOYOUS SONG AND SING PRAISES.

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

ALL: ETERNAL GOD, WE GIVE YOU HONOR AND PRAISE FOR THE AMAZING WORK OF LOVE  
AND LIFE THAT YOU HAVE ACCOMPLISHED IN CHRIST. WE GIVE YOU GLORY FOR TOUCHING  
OUR LIVES BY THE ONE WHO DIED AND YET LIVES AGAIN. MAY WE LIVE BY HIS POWER.  
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.

SCRIPTURE LESSON: ZECHARIAH 9:9-12

SERMON: "PRISONERS OF HOPE - REVISITED"

REV. DICK HOTCHKIN

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

**\*HYMN: #292 BREATHE ON ME, BREATH OF GOD** (VERSES 1-4)

EDWIN HATCH, 1886; 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: #290 SPIRIT OF GOD, DESCEND UPON MY HEART** (VERSES 1, 2, 5)

GEORGE CROLY, 1854; 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**

**LAY READER:** LORI MAYER

**ALTAR GUILD:** SANDY JARMUZEWSKI

**USHERS:** PAT LABADIE AND PENNY ANDERSON

**GREETER:** BOBI ZUBI

**FELLOWSHIP HOSTS:** JOE AND PAT GARANT, BEVERLY OLSEN

**COUNTER:** TAMMY VEASY

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

**SUNDAY**

**AUGUST 25 10:00 AM**

**WORSHIP SERVICE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- ❖ THE SUNDAY SINGERS ARE COMING SEPTEMBER 1. NO FORMAL CHOIR OR MIDWEEK PRACTICE. WE WILL PLAN TO MEET AT 9AM FOR WARM UP AND SING AT THE 10AM SERVICE. ALL ARE WELCOME! PLEASE EMAIL OR CALL KAT WITH ANY QUESTIONS: [MUSICUCCALP@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MUSICUCCALP@GMAIL.COM) OR 989-255-8750
- ❖ YOU CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY BY EMAILING [PRAYERUCCALP@GMAIL.COM](mailto:PRAYERUCCALP@GMAIL.COM)
- ❖ THE AREA FOOD PANTRY IS IN NEED OF: RAVIOLI, SPAGHETTIOS, BEEFARONI, CRACKERS (SALTINE, OYSTER, GRAHAM), ANY KIND OF HAMBURGER, CHICKEN, TUNA HELPER.
- ❖ FELLOWSHIP HOSTS NEEDED FOR OCTOBER AND DECEMBER. PLEASE USE SIGN UP IN MIDDLE HALLWAY.
- ❖ SEPTEMBER 8 – DURING FELLOWSHIP HOUR, AN INFORMATIONAL MEETING FOR CONGREGATION ON FINANCIAL STATUS OF OUR CONGREGATION AND BEGINNING A PATH INTO THE FUTURE.
- ❖ SEPTEMBER 15 – FOLLOWING WORSHIP, A CONGREGATIONAL VOTE ON COMSTOCK GUIDELINES RECOMMENDED BY THE COMSTOCK COMMITTEE AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTOR WILL BE HELD IN THE SANCTUARY.
- ❖ SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>, THANKSGIVING POTLUCK; SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>, HOLIDAY LUNCHEON.

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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**August 25, 2024**

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