

WELCOME, ALL WORSHIPERS

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

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THERE WAS A GREAT MULTITUDE THAT NO ONE COULD COUNT, FROM EVERY NATION,  
FROM ALL TRIBES AND PEOPLES AND LANGUAGES, STANDING BEFORE THE THRONE AND  
BEFORE THE LAMB, ROBED IN WHITE, WITH PALM BRANCHES IN THEIR HANDS.  
REVELATION 7:9  
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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.)

MOMENT FOR MISSION

A TIME OF REFLECTION

***OPENING HYMN: #539 WON'T YOU LET ME BE YOUR SERVANT?** (ALL VERSES)

RICHARD GILLARD, 1977; ALT.

***CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)**

BILL DEMPSEY, LAY READER

LEADER: WHOM SHALL WE FEAR?

ALL: NOTHING SHALL OVERCOME US, FOR GOD IS NEAR.

LEADER: THOUGH WE ARE TROUBLED AND BESET WITH DIFFICULTIES.

ALL: STILL WE WAIT AND TRUST IN THE GOODNESS OF GOD.

***OPENING PRAYER (UNISON)**

**ALL: GOD MOST HIGH, YOUR PROMISES ARE UNBROKEN AND YOUR COVENANT WITH YOUR
PEOPLE IS SECURE. WITH ALL YOUR FAITHFUL THROUGH THE AGES, HEAR OUR PRAISE FOR
YOUR CONSTANCY. ACCEPT OUR THANKS THAT YOU CALL US INTO A LASTING
RELATIONSHIP WITH 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 GREATOR. THIS SELECTION IS IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN.

SCRIPTURE LESSON: REVELATION 7:9-17

SERMON: "A GLIMPSE OF HEAVEN"

REV. DICK HOTCHKIN

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

***HYMN: #547 AMAZING GRACE (VERSES 1-5)**

ST. 1-4, JOHN NEWTON, 1779; ALT. ST. 5, A COLLECTION OF SACRED BALLADS, 1790

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: #551 PASS ME NOT, O GENTLE SAVIOR (VERSES 1-4)**

FANNY CROSBY (1820-1915); 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: BILL DEMPSEY

ALTAR GUILD: LORI MAYER

USHERS: NANCY AND ASHLEY WEDGE

GREETERS: RON & LYNN BORKE

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS: SONNY & JOAN CHRZAN, NANCY AND ASHLEY WEDGE

COUNTER: ASHLEY WEDGE

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 29 10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2024, YOU MAY CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR A PAPER (SNAIL MAIL) COPY OF THE NEWSLETTER, OTHERWISE ALL NEWSLETTERS WILL BE SENT ELECTRONICALLY (EMAIL). THE NEWSLETTER WILL ALSO CONTINUE TO BE POSTED ON THE CHURCH WEBSITE. YOU MAY WANT TO UPDATE YOUR EMAIL AT THIS TIME BY CALLING THE OFFICE OR EMAILING US AT OFFICEUCCALP@GMAIL.COM. THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING IN THIS IMPORTANT STEP IN STEWARDSHIP AND FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY
- ❖ NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6; NEIGHBORS IN NEED AND WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY.
- ❖ PLEASE SEE PASTOR DICK OR GARY JARMUZEWSKI IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN VISITING SHUT-INS/HOMEBOUND MEMBERS OR IF YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN A VISIT.
- ❖ YOU CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY BY EMAILING 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 ARE NEEDED FOR DECEMBER. YOU MAY USE THE SIGN-UP 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.

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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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