

# WELCOME, ALL WORSHIPERS

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

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JESUS TOLD THOSE WHO WERE SELLING DOVES, "TAKE THESE THINGS OUT OF HERE!  
STOP MAKING MY FATHER'S HOUSE A MARKETPLACE!" JOHN 2:16  
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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: #250 LISTEN TO YOUR SAVIOR CALL (VERSES 1-4)

WILLIAM COWPER, 1768; ALT.

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

LORI MAYER, LAY READER

LEADER: JESUS SAYS, "TAKE HEART, IT IS I. DO NOT BE AFRAID."

ALL: LORD, CALM OUR FEARS SO THAT WE MIGHT HEAR YOUR VOICE.

LEADER: JESUS SAYS, "COME TO ME, ALL YOU THAT ARE WEARY AND ARE CARRYING HEAVY  
BURDENS, AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST."

ALL: WE COME IN FAITH, WAITING FOR THAT POWER WHICH ONLY GOD CAN GIVE.

#### \*OPENING PRAYER

ALL: THANK YOU, LIVING LORD, FOR GUIDING US, FOR SHOWING US YOUR WAYS. INSPIRE  
US WITH YOUR WORDS AND YOUR POWERFUL PRESENCE SO THAT OUR FEARS MIGHT BE  
LESSENERED BY THE FAITH YOU INSTILL. CHALLENGE US TO NEW HEIGHTS OF COMMITMENT,  
EMBOLDENED WITH COURAGE AND TRUST IN YOUR ETERNAL GOODNESS. 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: JOHN 2:13-22

SERMON: "WORSHIPPING GOD"

REV. DICK HOTCHKIN

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

#### \*HYMN: #252 SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US (VERSES 1,3)

ATTRIB. TO DOROTHY THRUPP (1779-1847) FROM HYMNS FOR THE YOUNG, 1836; ALT. ST. 1 TRANSL. TO HAWAIIAN BY LAIANA  
(1807-1886)

### 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: #28 FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH (VERSES 1-4)

ST. 1-3, FOLLIOTT S. PEIRPOINT, 1864; ALT. ST. 4, MIRIAM THERESE WINTER, 1993

\*BENEDICTION: GO IN PEACE. LET THE BEAUTY OF THE LORD OUR GOD BE UPON YOU, AND  
LINGER IN YOUR HEARTS AND MINDS THROUGHOUT THE COMING WEEK, AND FOREVERMORE.  
AMEN.

#### \*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  
USHERS: NANCY AND ASHLEY WEDGE  
FELLOWSHIP HOSTS: JOE & PAT GARANT

ALTAR GUILD: SANDY JARMUZEWSKI  
GREETER: TAMMY VEASY

#### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY                      APRIL 21    10:00 AM                      WORSHIP SERVICE

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ PLEASE SEE PASTOR DICK OR GARY JARMUZEWSKI IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN VISITING OUR SHUT-IN/HOMEBOUND MEMBERS.
- ❖ YOU CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY BY EMAILING [PRAYERUCCALP@GMAIL.COM](mailto:PRAYERUCCALP@GMAIL.COM).
- ❖ SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP HOSTS ARE NEEDED FOR MAY AND JUNE. PLEASE SIGN UP ON ROSTER IN MIDDLE HALLWAY IF YOU ARE ABLE. THANK YOU.
- ❖ THERE ARE MEMBER DECLARATION CARDS ON THE TABLE IN THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY. YOU MAY COMPLETE THESE AND PUT THEM IN THE BOX BY THE OFFICE DOOR.
- ❖ THE 2024 LADIES LUNCHEs ARE SCHEDULED FOR MAY 10 AND JUNE 14. THE LADIES WILL PLAN TO MEET AT 11:30 AM AT THE BIG BOY ON RIPLEY BLVD. PLEASE CONTACT BOBBI ZUBI AT 989-657-9996 IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS. ALL ARE WELCOME!
- ❖ PLEASE REMEMBER TO CHECK FOR CARE LETTERS AND CARDS IN THE MIDDLE HALLWAY.
- ❖ THE AREA FOOD PANTRY IS IN NEED OF: SPAGHETTIOS, RAVIOLIOS, CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP, PANCAKE MIX AND SYRUP, PEANUT BUTTER, ANY KIND OF NOODLES OR RICE POUCHES (CREAMY PARMESAN, BROCCOLI & CHEDDAR, ETC.)

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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# FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

April 21, 2024

*As an Open and Affirming congregation,  
we welcome people as they are,  
share Jesus as He is, and serve  
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