

WELCOME, ALL WORSHIPERS

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

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NOW I KNOW ONLY IN PART, THEN I WILL KNOW FULLY.  
1 CORINTHIANS 13:12  
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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: #451 BE THOU MY VISION (VERSES 1-2)

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*CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)

MARILYN KETTLER, LAY READER

LEADER: ALL YOU FAITHFUL, COME NEAR AND GIVE THANKS.

ALL: FOR GOD HEARS THE AFFLICTED AND ANSWERS THEIR CRIES.

LEADER: WEEPING MAY LINGER FOR THE NIGHT.

ALL: BUT JOY COMES IN THE MORNING.

*OPENING PRAYER

ALL: ALL-LOVING GOD, DEDICATION TO YOU HAS INSPIRED THE LIVES OF SO MANY! AT THEIR HANDS, YOUR HEALING HAS BEEN DISPENSED. BY THEIR WORDS, YOUR SPLENDOR HAS BEEN SHARED. LET OUR LIVES, TOO, BE SO DEVOTED TO HONORING YOU THAT EVERY ACT SHOUTS YOUR PRAISE ALOUD. 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.

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ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE LESSON: 1 CORINTHIANS 13:8-13

SERMON: "PUZZLED?"

REV. DICK HOTCHKIN

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

*HYMN: # 211 LORD JESUS, WHO THROUGH FORTY DAYS (VERSES 1-4)

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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: #198 LIFT HIGH THE CROSS (VERSES 1, 2, 5)

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*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: MARILYN KETTLER
ALTAR GUILD: ASHLEY WEDGE
COUNTER: ASHLEY WEDGE
FELLOWSHIP HOSTS: BOB & DIANA KELLY AND JOE & PAT GARANT

GREETER: BOBI ZUBI
USHERS: ASHLEY AND NANCY WEDGE

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 25	10:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
WEDNESDAY	FEBRUARY 28	6:00 PM	LENTEN SOUP AND BREAD SUPPER
WEDNESDAY	FEBRUARY 28	7:00 PM	LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ YOU MAY STILL SIGN UP TO BRING A CROCK POT OF SOUP TO THE SOUP AND BREAD SUPPER WE ARE HOSTING ON FEBRUARY 28TH.
- ❖ THE LENTEN – EASTER SCHEDULE IS AVAILABLE ON THE TABLE IN THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY.
- ❖ 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 LUNCHEAS ARE SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 8, APRIL 12, 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: CANNED SPAGHETTIOS, RAVIOLI, MAC AND CHEESE, PACKAGES OF CRACKERS AND PEANUT BUTTER AND/OR CRACKERS AND CHEESE, 4 PACKS OF JELLO OR PUDDING SNACKS, CEREAL, AND POPTARTS

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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