

WELCOME, ALL WORSHIPERS

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

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JESUS SAID TO THE APOSTLES, "COME AWAY TO A DESERTED PLACE ALL BY  
YOURSELVES AND REST A WHILE." MARK 6:31  
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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: #592 GOD OF THE AGES, WHO WITH SURE COMMAND** (VERSES 1, 3
& 4)

DANIEL CRANE ROBERTS, 1876; ALT.

***CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)**

LORI MAYER, LAY READER

LEADER: REJOICE, PEOPLE OF GOD, REJOICE.

ALL: THE LORD WILL GATHER US IN HOPE.

LEADER: THE LORD WILL GUARD US IN FAITHFULNESS.

ALL: THE LORD WILL RENEW US IN LOVE.

***OPENING PRAYER (UNISON)**

**ALL: ALMIGHTY GOD, PRAISES RISE WITHIN US BECAUSE JESUS COMES TO US AMIDST OUR
FEAR, CONFUSION, AND DISTRESS. NEWS OF HIS NEARNESS BRINGS COMFORT AND
STRENGTH. HE IS OUR HOPE. FILL THE WHOLE WORLD WITH HEAVEN'S PEACE. 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 GREATORIX. THIS SELECTION IS IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN.

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE LESSON: MARK 6:30-32

SERMON: "A SPECIAL PLACE"

REV. DICK HOTCHKIN

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

***HYMN: #4 JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE YOU** (VERSES 1,4)

HENRY VAN DYKE, 1907; 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: #603 GIVER OF LIFE, WHERE'ER THEY BE** (VERSES 1-4)

FREDRICK LUCIAN HOSMER, 1888: 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: NANCY WEDGE

USHERS: ASHLEY AND NANCY WEDGE

GREETERS: BILL & DEBBIE DEMPSEY

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS: BILL & DOTTIE HAASE, BEVERLY OLSEN AND PENNY ANDERSON

COUNTERS: DENNIS & JANET ARTLEY

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY MAY 26 10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ PLEASE JOIN US FOR A POTLUCK MEAL TO HONOR OUR CHOIR ON SUNDAY, JUNE 2 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CHURCH SERVICE.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ **SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP HOSTS ARE NEEDED FOR JUNE 16 AND THE MONTH OF JULY. 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 LADIES LUNCHEON IS SCHEDULED FOR 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!
- ❖ SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 23 FOR THE 50 YEAR MEMBERSHIP CELEBRATION.
- ❖ THE AREA FOOD PANTRY IS IN NEED OF: KIDS CEREAL; RICE KRISPIES, CAPTAIN CRUNCH, HONEY NUT O's, FRUITY O's, OR ANY OTHER CEREAL, SPAGHETTIOS, RAVIOLIOS, SPAGHETTI AND MEATBALLS.

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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