

WELCOME, ALL WORSHIPERS

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

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WE WERE GENTLE AMONG YOU, LIKE A NURSE CARING FOR HER OWN CHILDREN.  
1 THESSALONIANS 2:7  
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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 MISSIONS

A TIME OF REFLECTION

***OPENING HYMN: #420 WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD** (VERSES 1-3)

JULIA C. CORY, 1902; ALT.

***CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)**

DOTTIE HAASE, LAY READER

LEADER: MAY THE LORD GIVE US STRENGTH.

ALL: MAY THE LORD BLESS US WITH PEACE.

***OPENING PRAYER**

**ALL: ALMIGHTY GOD, FROM THE TIME OF CREATION, YOU HAVE BEEN THE SOURCE OF
LIGHT. JUST AS DAY FOLLOWS NIGHT, YOU ROUTINELY BRING A TIME OF NEW BEGINNINGS
TO US. MAY WE REMEMBER YOUR GOODNESS AND SEEK YOUR GUIDANCE. 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: LEVITICUS 19:1-2, 15-18 AND 1 THESSALONIANS 2:1-8

SERMON: "BE TENDER"

REV. DICK HOTCHKIN

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

***HYMN: #237 IN THE GARDEN** (VERSES 1-3)

C. AUSTIN MILES, 1912

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: #249 PEACE I LEAVE WITH YOU, MY FRIENDS** (VERSE 1)

RAY REPP, 1967

***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: DOTTIE HAASE

ALTAR GUILD: SANDY JARMUZEWSKI

USHERS: GARY & SANDY JARMUZEWSKI

GREETER: ANN DIAMOND

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS: BILL & DOTTIE HAASE

COUNTER: NANCY WEDGE

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY	APRIL 14	10:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
MONDAY	APRIL 15	5:30 PM	BOARD MEETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ 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 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 LUNCHEAS 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.)

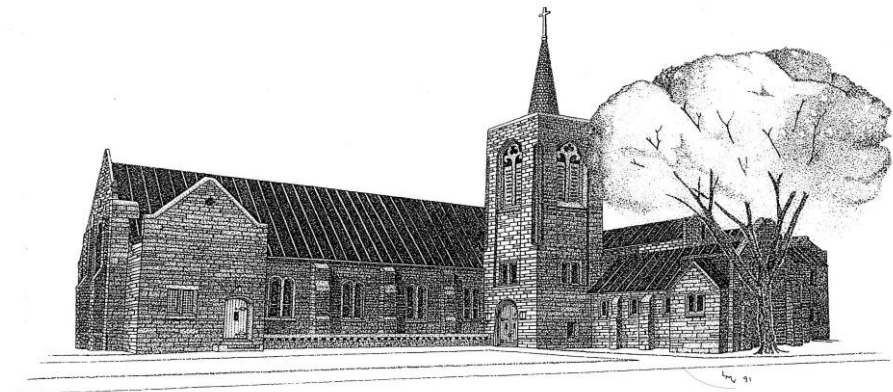
SUNDAY WORSHIP LIVE-STREAMED AND RECORDED -- OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES ARE LIVE-STREAMED, SHOWN ON THE INTERNET, AS THEY ARE HAPPENING AND RECORDED FOR VIEWING ONLINE LATER. PEOPLE IN THE SANCTUARY ATTENDING THE SUNDAY SERVICE MAY BE SEEN AS PART OF THE LIVE-STREAM AND RECORDING.

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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April 14, 2024

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share Jesus as He is, and serve
our community and the world in love.*



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