

WELCOME, ALL WORSHIPERS

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

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ONE OF THE CRIMINALS WHO WERE HANGED THERE SAID, "JESUS, REMEMBER ME WHEN  
YOU COME INTO YOUR KINGDOM." LUKE 23:42  
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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: #495 CALLED AS PARTNERS IN CHRIST'S SERVICE** (VERSES 1-2)

JANE PARKER HUBER, 1981

***CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)**

LYNN BORKE, LAY READER

LEADER: MAY GOD BE WITH US IN OUR WORSHIP THIS DAY.

ALL: FOR UNLESS GOD IS PRESENT, ALL OUR EFFORTS ARE IN VAIN.

LEADER: MAY GOD BLESS THE WORKS OF OUR HANDS AND THE DESIRES OF OUR
HEARTS.

ALL: FOR WITH GOD'S BLESSING, EVEN SMALL EFFORTS YIELD GREAT REWARDS.

***OPENING PRAYER**

**ALL: LOVING GOD, WE PRAY THAT WE MAY PROVE LOYAL TO ALL WHO NEED US. AS
DIFFICULTIES ARISE IN OUR LIVES, IT IS EASY, AND PERHAPS EVEN EXCUSABLE, TO GO OUR
OWN WAY, AND SATISFY OUR OWN NEEDS, LEAVING THOSE MORE VULNERABLE THAN
OURSELVES WITHOUT OUR HELP AND SUPPORT. LET US LOOK TO THE STORIES OF OUR
FAITH TO SEE THAT EVEN ORDINARY PEOPLE CAN BEHAVE WITH EXTRAORDINARY GRACE IN
TROUBLED TIMES. GRANT US THE COURAGE TO GIVE OF OURSELVES WITH THE ASSURANCE
THAT YOU WILL EVER REMAIN OUR STRENGTH AND PROTECTION. 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: LUKE 23:39-43

SERMON: "THE GIFT OF FORGIVENESS"

REV. DICK HOTCHKIN

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

***HYMN: # 540 WE PLANT A GRAIN OF MUSTARD SEED** (VERSES 1, 2, 6)

MARY BRYAN MATNEY, 1990 (TO THE TUNE OF GOD IS MY SHEPHERD)

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: #570 WE SHALL OVERCOME** (VERSES 1-4)

UNITED STATES TRADITIONAL

***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: LYNN BORKE

ALTAR GUILD: ASHLEY WEDGE

USHERS: PENNY ANDERSON AND BORIS GERBER

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS: BOB & DIANA KELLY AND JOE & PAT GARANT

COUNTER: NANCY WEDGE

GREETERS: JOE & PAT GARANT

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 11 10:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
MONDAY	FEBRUARY 12 5:30 PM	BOARD MEETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ 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 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.
- ❖ LOOKING FOR OCCASIONAL OFFICE VOLUNTEERS. PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW IF YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO DONATE A FEW HOURS WHEN NEEDED. THANK YOU.

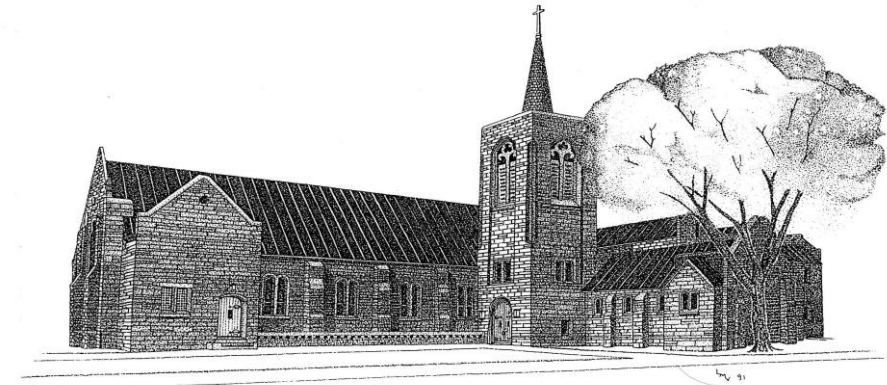
SUNDAY WORSHIP LIVE-STREAMED AND RECORDED -- OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES ARE LIVE-STREAMED, SHOWN ON THE INTERNET, AS THEY ARE HAPPENING AND RECORDED FOR VIEWING ONLINE LATER. PEOPLE IN THE SANCTUARY ATTENDING THE SUNDAY SERVICE MAY BE SEEN AS PART OF THE LIVE-STREAM AND RECORDING.

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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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