

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 WOMAN, "YOUR FAITH HAS SAVED YOU; GO IN PEACE."  
LUKE 7:50  
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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: #306 THE CHURCH OF CHRIST, IN EVERY AGE** (ALL VERSES)
FRED PRATT GREEN, 1969

*CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)

LEADER: THIS IS THE DAY THAT THE LORD HAS MADE.

ALL: WE WILL REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT.

*OPENING PRAYER

ALL: LOVING GOD, BREAK DOWN THE WALLS WITHIN MY HEART SO THAT I MAY BE OPEN AND RECEPTIVE TO YOUR WORD AND SPIRIT. MOLD ME SO THAT I MAY HEAR ANEW THE GOOD NEWS FOR MY LIFE. HELP ME TO TRUST YOU, LISTEN TO YOU, AND FOLLOW YOU. 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: LUKE 7:36-50

SERMON: "GOOD NEWS FOR BROKEN HEARTS"

REV. DICK HOTCHKIN

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

HYMN: #448 TAKE MY LIFE, GOD, LET IT BE (ALL VERSES)
FRANCES R. HAVERGAL, 1874; 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: #390 ETERNAL CHRIST, WHO, KNEELING** (ALL VERSES)
WILLIAM W. REID, JR., 1976; 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

USHERS: ASHLEY & NANCY WEDGE
GREETERS: BILL & DEBBIE DEMPSEY
FELLOWSHIP HOSTS: BOB & DIANA KELLY, PAT & JOE GARANT

ALTAR GUILD: ASHLEY WEDGE
COUNTER: NANCY WEDGE

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 9	10:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
MONDAY	FEBRUARY 10	5:30 PM	BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY	FEBRUARY 12	1:15 PM	GREAT WORLD RELIGIONS CLASS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ THE FLOWERS TODAY ARE GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY OF **PASTOR PAUL LANCE** BY THE **ALPENA NAVIGATORS**.
- ❖ MEMBER DECLARATION CARDS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE TABLE IN THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY. YOU MAY COMPLETE THESE, AND PUT THEM IN THE BOX BY THE OFFICE.
- ❖ A **SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** WILL BE HELD IN THE SANCTUARY IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE ON **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2025**. THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING IS TO ELECT A SEARCH COMMITTEE OF SEVEN MEMBERS.
- ❖ PLEASE CHECK THE CARDS AND CARE LETTERS IN THE MIDDLE HALLWAY.
- ❖ THE **GREAT COURSES** CLASS ON THE **GREAT WORLD RELIGIONS: JUDAISM, CHRISTIANITY, ISLAM, HINDUISM AND BUDDHISM** CONTINUES ON **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12**. NEW PARTICIPANTS ARE WELCOME TO BEGIN ATTENDING. CALL OR EMAIL THE OFFICE TO REGISTER.
- ❖ THE AREA FOOD PANTRY IS IN NEED OF: TUNA, HAMBURGER & CHICKEN HELPERS; BOXED POTATOES (AU GRATIN, SCALLOPED, CHEESEY); PANCAKE MIX & SYRUP; PUDDING (4 PACK JELLO OR FRUIT CUPS). PLEASE USE THE BAGS ON THE TABLE IN THE MIDDLE HALLWAY FOR YOUR SHOPPING NEEDS.

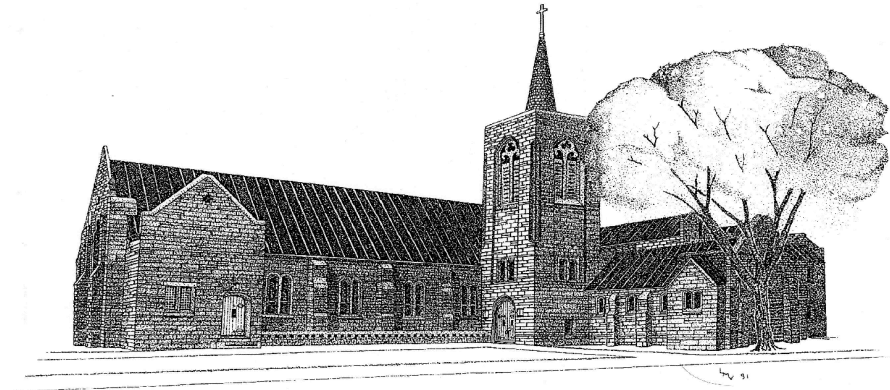
SUNDAY WORSHIP LIVE-STREAMED AND RECORDED -- OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES ARE LIVE-STREAMED, SHOWN ON THE INTERNET, AS THEY ARE HAPPENING AND RECORDED FOR VIEWING ONLINE LATER. PEOPLE IN THE SANCTUARY ATTENDING THE SUNDAY SERVICE MAY BE SEEN AS PART OF THE LIVE-STREAM AND RECORDING.

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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February 9, 2025

*As an Open and Affirming congregation,
we welcome people as they are,
share Jesus as He is, and serve
our community and the world in love.*



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