

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Passing the Peace of Christ

We gather...

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Hear the voice of God, powerful and majestic;
know the presence of God in whirlwind and flames.

**All: God speaks to us in thunder and fire;
God is revealed in a quiet voice within us.**

One: See the works of God in the life of Jesus.
feel the Spirit gently descending on our gathering.

**All: God calls us to ministries of healing.
God accepts and affirms us and fills us with light.**

One: Remember your baptism and sense God's benediction.
Recall God's covenant and dare to live by it.

**All: God takes us by the hand and keeps us.
God grants us a spirit of caring and service.**

*Song of Praise "He Leadeth Me" Celebration Hymnal No. 690

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

God of the covenant, before whom the mighty prostrate themselves, we bow in humble gratitude that you have called us to be your servants. We have come to receive the light you promise and to equip ourselves to carry your salvation to the ends of the earth. Hear our cries and draw us out of the pits of desolation. Place our feet on solid rock and help us to step forward with patient trust. Baptize us anew with your Spirit as we seek to realize and live out the community you intend.

Worship in Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*Offertory Prayer

We connect...

Congregational Prayer

Sharing Prayer Concerns

Song of Reflection "All the Way My Savior Leads Me" Celebration Hymnal No. 680

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer:

*Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever. Amen.*

Choral Response

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 42:1-9
Matthew 3:13-17

*Gloria Patri

*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, Amen.*

We receive...

Children's Sermon

Sermon

"The Right Stuff"

Rev. Lew Worthington

*Hymn of Response "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us" Celebration Hymnal No. 688

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

"Make Us One"

*Make us one Lord, make us one
Holy Spirit, make us one
Let our love flow, so the world will know
We are one in you; we are one in you.*

We respond...

*Postlude

*We invite you to stand if you are able.

Isaiah 42:1-9

42 Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ²He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

⁵Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, ⁷to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. ⁹See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Matthew 3:13-17

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

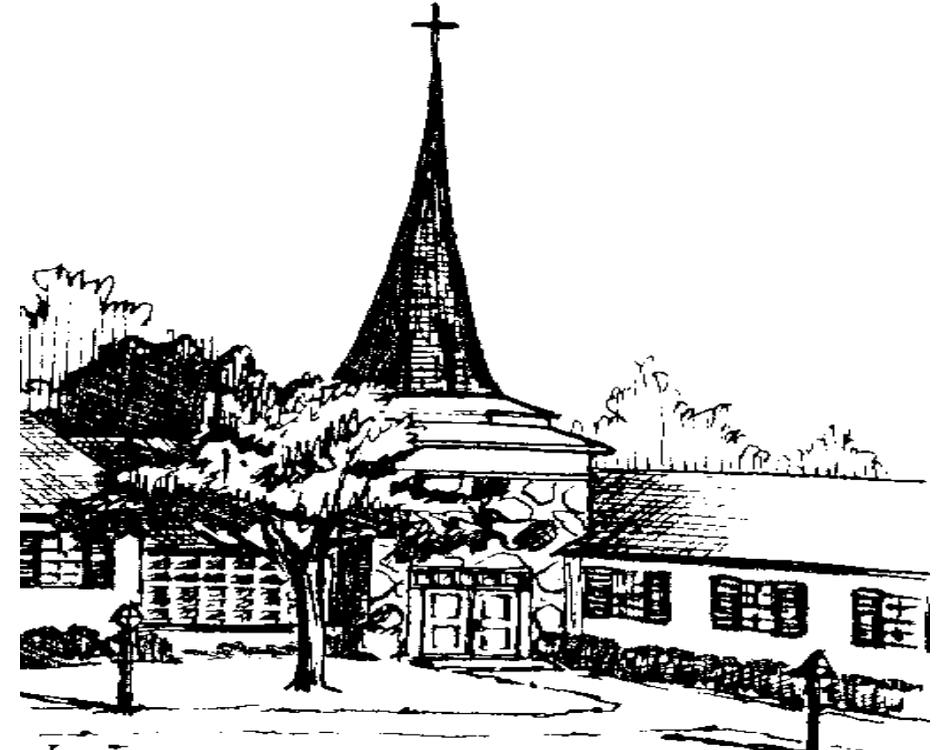
We love...

Church Covenant

We are banded together as a Christian Church to maintain the worship of God the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer; to proclaim the gospel of Christ, to develop in ourselves and others a consciousness of our relationship and duties to God and each other; to create a spirit of love for truth, a passion for righteousness and enthusiasm for service; to respect and protect all of God's creation. To this end we pledge our loyalty to Christ and covenant with God and with each other to strive to express God's spirit in our individual and corporate life; to live together as Christians and to submit ourselves to the government of this church, working, giving, praying for its increase, purity and peace, seeking in every way to make it a power for the building up of the Kingdom of God.

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WELCOME!



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