

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

*Call to Worship

LEADER: Friends, we gather together this morning to proclaim
the ways in which God is working within our midst.

PEOPLE: We have been blessed by God!

LEADER: We gather together to give thanks
for the ways in which God is working within our midst.

PEOPLE: We are being blessed by God!

LEADER: We gather together to open our eyes
to the ways God is using us to work within our midst.

PEOPLE: We will continue to be blessed by God!

LEADER: Dear ones, God has given us so much
and is very much alive, at work and still speaking among us.
We are called to give back.

**PEOPLE: WE are called to be good stewards;
good stewards of our time, of our resources and of our money.**

LEADER: Let us give thanks to our God of blessings
and affirm our commitment
to the ministry God is calling us into.

**PEOPLE: Let us give thanks to God!
Let us proclaim our faith in God!
Let us worship God!**

*Hymn of Praise *Shine, Jesus, Shine* Celebration Hymnal No. 431

*Prayer of Invocation

Father God, thank you for your grace. Help us to give generously of our time and treasure so that we might multiple your kingdom and become cheerful givers, pleasing to you. Change our hearts and forgive us for being possessive. In the name of Jesus, the most generous who gave his life, we pray. Amen.

Scripture Readings

1 Corinthians 4:1-7
2 Corinthians 9:8-12

*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.*

Sermon *Living with a Generous Heart* Brian Sampson

Hymn of Reflection Celebration Hymnal No. 597
Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated

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.*

*Hymn of Going Forth Celebration Hymnal No. 589
Here I Am, Lord

*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.

Postlude

*We invite you to stand if you are able.

Scripture Readings

1 Corinthians 4:1-7

1 Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. **2** Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful. **3** But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by a human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself. **4** For I know nothing against myself, yet I am not justified by this; but He who judges me is the Lord. **5** Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one's praise will come from God. **6** Now these things, brethren, I have figuratively transferred to myself and Apollos for your sakes, that you may learn in us not to think beyond what is written, that none of you may be puffed up on behalf of one against the other. **7** For who makes you differ from another? And what do you have that you did not receive? Now if you did indeed receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?

2 Corinthians 9:8-12

8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work: **9** (As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth for ever. **10** Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;) **11** Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God. **12** For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God.

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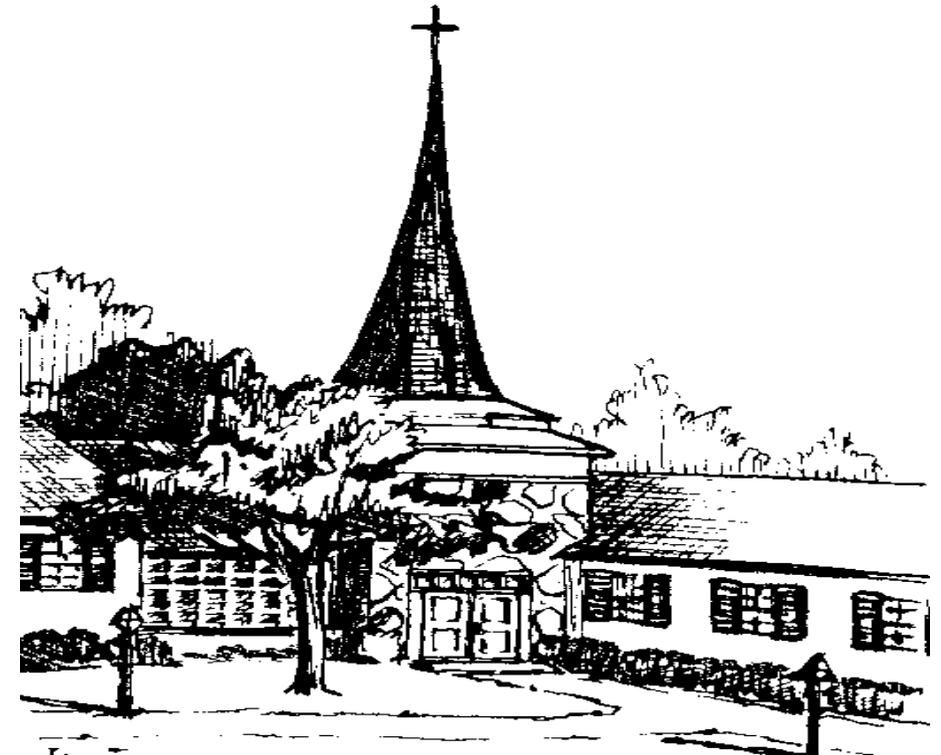
The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

WELCOME!

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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