

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: When the world is dark - full of hate and fear when we cannot see God.

All: We will turn to the light of Jesus.

One: When we cannot find our way back to love and peace.

All: We will turn to the light of Jesus.

One: When our vision dims due to the darkness within.

All: We will turn to the light of Jesus.

One: Christ opens our eyes to the gift of sight.

All: We are here to worship the Light of the world!

Hallelujah! Praise God, for Jesus - the Light of the world!

*Song of Praise "This Is My Father's World" Celebration Hymnal No. 143

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

Heavenly Father, thank You for the example of this blind man and His developing faith. I pray that I may have eyes to see the truth and not be influenced by the worldly mindset that seeks to discredit You and the Lord Jesus, Whom You have sent. Thank You that by faith I have become a citizen of heaven .. Give me boldness to proclaim the truth of the glorious gospel and keep me and all whom I love under the shadow of Your wing through time and into eternity - this I pray in Jesus name, AMEN.

Congregational Prayer

Sharing Prayer Concerns

Song of Reflection "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" Celebration Hymnal No. 630

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

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

Scripture Readings

John 9:1-12

Acts 27:27-32

*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.

Anthem

Sermon "When Bad Things Happen to Good People" Rev. Eugene A Blair

*Hymn of Response "Shine, Jesus, Shine" Celebration Hymnal No. 431

*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.

John 9:1-12

9As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, ⁷saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see.

⁸The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" ⁹Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." ¹⁰But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" ¹¹He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." ¹²They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

Acts 27:27-32

²⁷When the fourteenth night had come, as we were drifting across the sea of Adria, about midnight the sailors suspected that they were nearing land. ²⁸So they took soundings and found twenty fathoms; a little farther on they took soundings again and found fifteen fathoms. ²⁹Fearing that we might run on the rocks, they let down four anchors from the stern and prayed for day to come. ³⁰But when the sailors tried to escape from the ship and had lowered the boat into the sea, on the pretext of putting out anchors from the bow, ³¹Paul said to the centurion and the soldiers, "Unless these men stay in the ship, you cannot be saved." ³²Then the soldiers cut away the ropes of the boat and set it adrift.

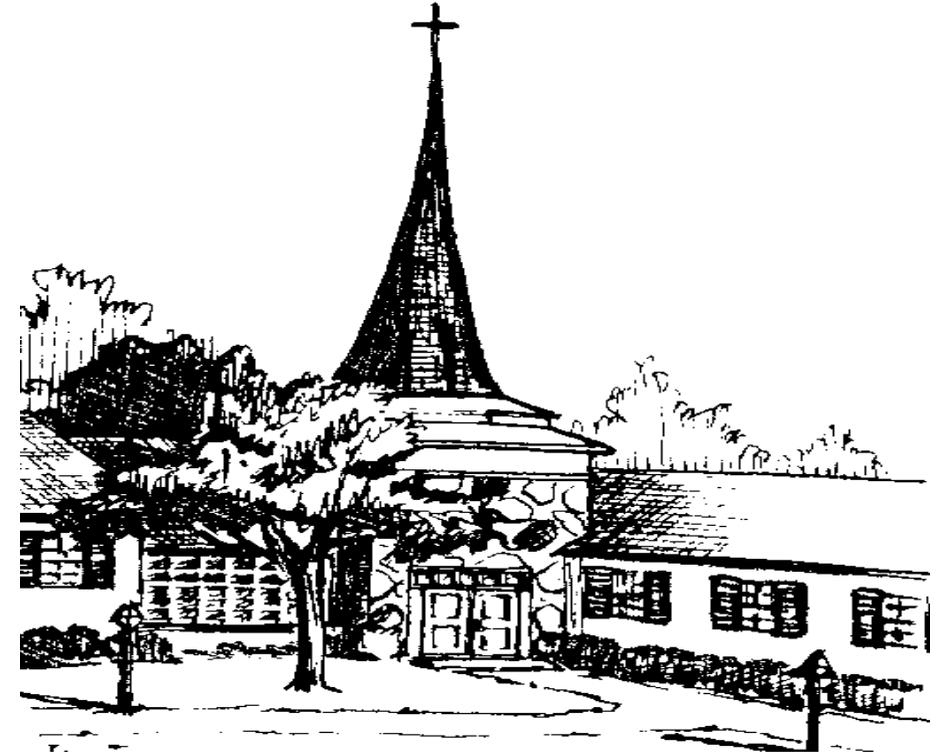
The Word of God for the people of God.

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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Welcome!

We extend a warm welcome this morning to our guest minister, Rev. Eugene Blair. Rev. Blair has been most recently associated with Haslett Community UCC in Haslett, Michigan.

Bible Study

Please join us for Bible study Monday mornings at 10:00am. We are studying the book of James and Brian is asking those attending to read it in advance.

Diaconate Meeting

The Diaconate Board is scheduled to meet Wednesday, February 12 at 7:00pm.

Ash Wednesday Supper and Service - February 26

Our Lenten journey begins February 26. We will start the evening at 6:00pm with a light supper of assorted breads and home-made soups and chili followed by our Ash Wednesday service at 7:00pm. If you would like to make a soup or chili, please add your name to one of the sheets that are available in the Mayflower Room or Sanctuary and also indicate how many people will be attending. Please join us for this special evening.

Helping Hands Food Pantry

Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church in Dearborn has reached out for our assistance to help support its Helping Hands Food Pantry that is open every Wednesday from 9:30am to 1:00pm. They are asking for help with food donations to keep up with the ever increasing demand during these cold weather months. We will collect items through February and continue to collect for Downriver Veterans during alternate months. Cherry Hill is asking for these specific items:

Canned Goods

Tuna
Soup
Vegetables
Beans
Fruit
Pasta Sauce (without meat)
Jelly
Peanut Butter

Dry Goods

Boxed Cereals
Hamburger Helper