

Prelude

Let us turn our hearts and minds to a time of silent reflection and prayer.

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: This is the time for worship and praise!
This is a day for song and celebration!

**ALL: God calls us away from our toil.
God invites us to examine our life and times.**

ONE: God wills our happiness and enjoyment of life.
God gives each of us important work to do.

**ALL: God wants our work to give us pleasure.
Our witness to God's glory brings fulfillment.**

ONE: Let us celebrate the past and anticipate the future.
Let us rejoice that God is present now.

**ALL: There is a season for every matter under heaven.
This is a time to build up.**

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

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

O God, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have gifted us with food and drink. You have been with us through times of laughter and days of weeping. You have comforted us in the midst of pain and confronted us in the needs of our neighbors. You have called us to responsibility for the well-being of this planet and the welfare of all your people. Come among us once more to equip us for the tasks you set before us. Amen.

Anthem

Old Testament Reading
New Testament Reading

Psalm 8
Luke 6:17-26

*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

"Life's Biggest Question"

Rev. Lew Worthington

Hymn of Reflection

"The Servant Song"

Celebration Hymnal No. 424

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

*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

*Hymn of Going Forth

"Trust and Obey"

Celebration Hymnal No. 571

*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.

Psalm 8

¹O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

²Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

³When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;

⁴what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

⁵Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.

⁶You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet,

⁷all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

⁸the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

⁹O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Luke 6:17-26

¹⁷He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon.

¹⁸They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured.

¹⁹And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹“Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

²²“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man.

²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴“But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

²⁵“Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. “Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God

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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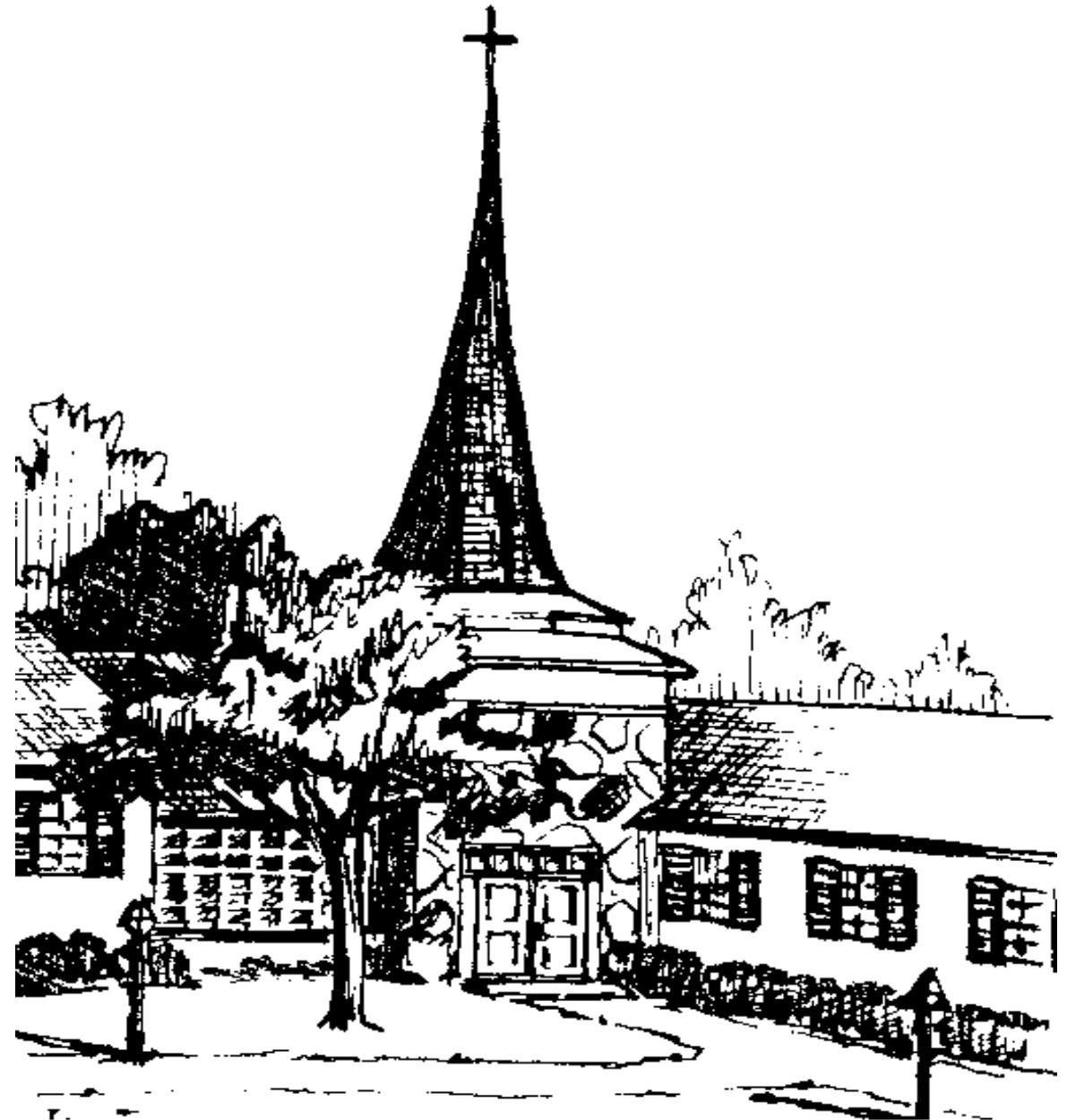
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