

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

\*Call to Worship

Adapted from Psalm 51

Leader: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out our transgressions.

**People: Wash away all our transgressions, and our sin is always before us.**

Leader: Against you, you only, have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight;

**People: Cleanse us with hyssop, and we will be clean, wash us, and we will be whiter than snow.**

Leader: Let us hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice.

**People: Create in us a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within us.**

Leader: Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us.

**People: Restore unto us the joy of your salvation and grant us a willing spirit, to sustain us.**

\*Hymn of Praise

*O How I Love Jesus*

Celebration Hymnal No. 92

\*Prayer of Invocation

**Father we thank you for our free will. We are so thankful for your mercy and grace offered by your Son on the cross. We are like the thief on the cross and we look forward to the promise of paradise that Jesus offered him and offers us. Help us keep our eyes on you, in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

First Reading

Luke 23:33-33

Second Reading

Luke 23:39-43

\*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

*It's Your Choice*

Brian Sampson

Hymn of Reflection

Celebration Hymnal No. 318

*I Believe in a Hill Called Mount Calvary*

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

*At the Cross*

Celebration Hymnal No. 323

\*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.

## First Reading

### Scripture from the New King James Version

#### Luke 23:33-33

**33** And when they had come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on the right hand and the other on the left.

## Second New Testament Reading

### Scripture from the New King James Version

#### Luke 23:39-43

**39** Then one of the criminals who were hanged blasphemed Him, saying, "If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us."

**40** But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, "Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation?"

**41** And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong."

**42** Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom."

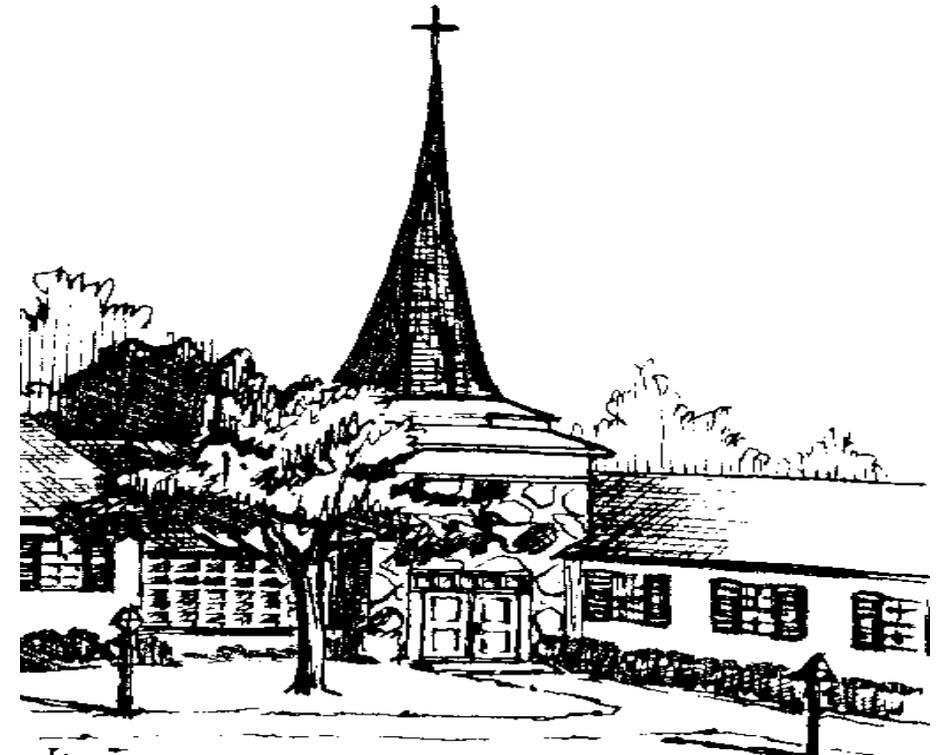
**43** And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

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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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