

Prelude

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

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: God's spirit is moving among us; give thanks!
Our God is about to do a new thing in our midst.

**ALL: How good it is to be chosen by God;
we gather to sing our praises and thanks.**

ONE: God has done great things for us; we are glad!
Now God is pointing us toward new goals.

**ALL: We are waiting to hear what God would have us do;
we are ready to risk new behaviors to be faithful.**

ONE: Into the wilderness of our lives comes living water.
Into the sorrow of our days comes reason for joy.

**ALL: Forgetting what lies behind, we greet our future.
we press on, responding to the upward call of Christ.**

*Hymn of Praise

Celebration Hymnal No. 87

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

Powerful God, we give thanks that you have called us to be your people. In our times of gloom, you have sent your light. When we are weary and discouraged, you lift us up. In our thirst for meaning and purpose, you bring us to living water in Jesus Christ. Set before us now the joy of discovery and a vision of future possibilities. Unite us in friendship with one another, with Christ as our center and inspiration. Amen.

Anthem

New Testament Lesson

John 12: 1-8

*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

"Extravagant Devotion"

Rev. Lew Worthington

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

Communion Hymn

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Celebration Hymnal No. 324

Service of Communion

Uniting in Covenant
Sharing of the Bread
Sharing of the Cup

*Hymn of Going Forth

"I'd Rather Have Jesus"

Celebration Hymnal No. 506

*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.

Church Covenant

John 12:1-8

12 Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead.

² There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him.

³ Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

⁴ But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said,

⁵ "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?"

⁶ (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.)

⁷ Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial.

⁸ You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God

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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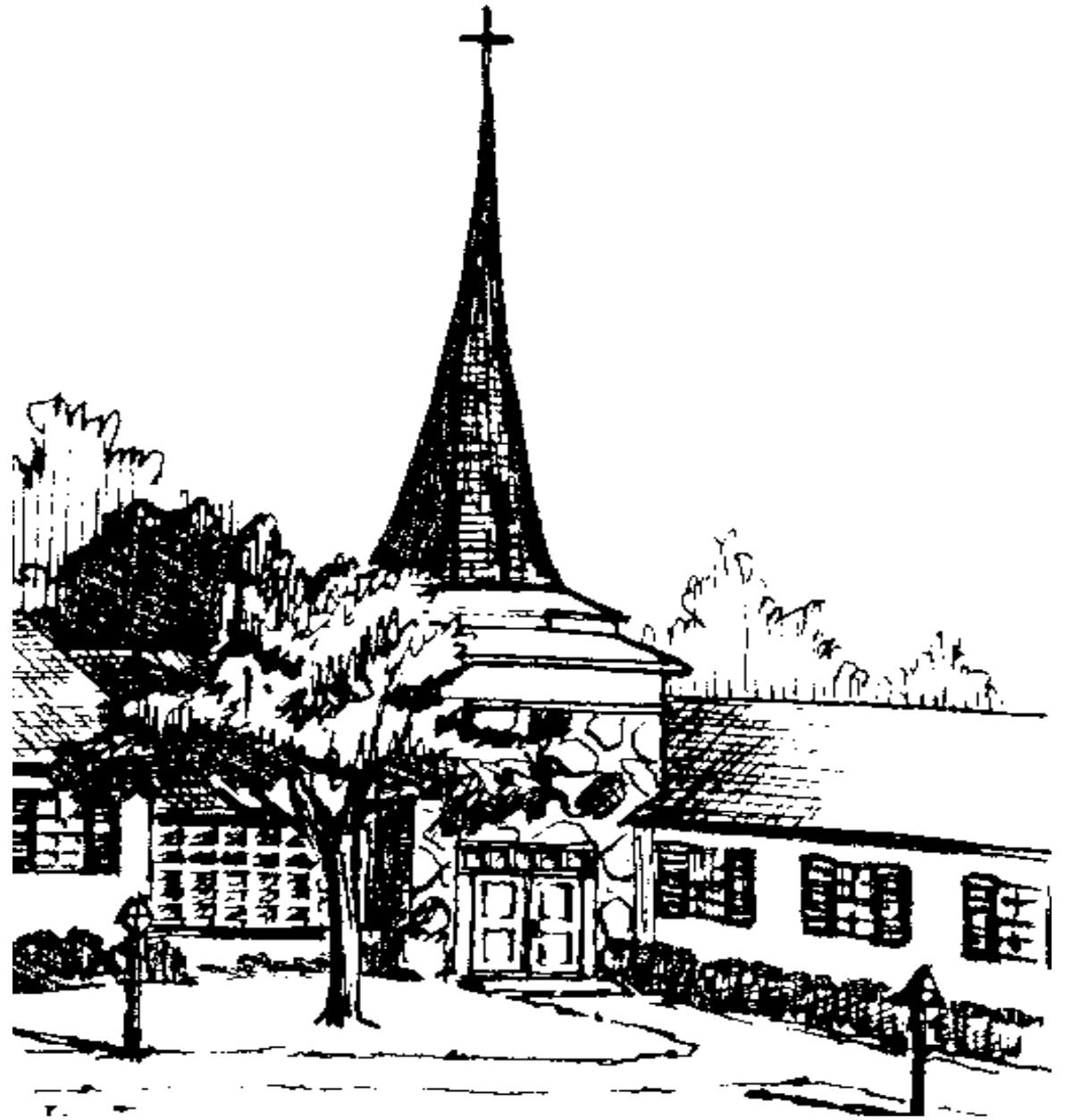
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