

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 awakens us and calls us to this time of worship.  
Our ears are opened to hear God's Word of truth.

**ALL: Speak to us, gracious God, and arouse our attention;  
teach us your way and excite our response.**

ONE: God has given us the tongues of teachers,  
that our words may sustain and comfort the weary.

**ALL: Open our lips, O God, to praise you.  
Loosen our tongues to speak your Word of love.**

ONE: God has come to us in Jesus Christ to open our minds;  
Let us empty ourselves of pretense that we may learn.

**ALL: Expand our minds and hearts, Sovereign God.  
Instruct us through the power of the cross.**

\*Hymn of Praise

Celebration Hymnal No. 300

"All Glory, Laud and Honor"

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

In this season of distress and sorrow, we bow before you, all-knowing God. As we remember Jesus' walk toward Calvary, we are tormented by the inhumanity so easily evoked among us. As we recall our own times of suffering and grief, we identify with Christ. We bring to you this day our questions and rebellion as well as our faith and quiet longing. Deliver us, O God, from all that detracts from our full humanity. Help us grow toward the design for which you created us. Amen.

Anthem

\*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

"Greater Expectations"

Rev. Lew Worthington

\*Hymn of Reflection

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Celebration Hymnal No. 45

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

"Praise Him! Praise Him!"

Celebration Hymnal No. 12

\*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.

***Philippians 2:5-11***

<sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
<sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,  
<sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form,  
<sup>8</sup>he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.  
<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,  
<sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
<sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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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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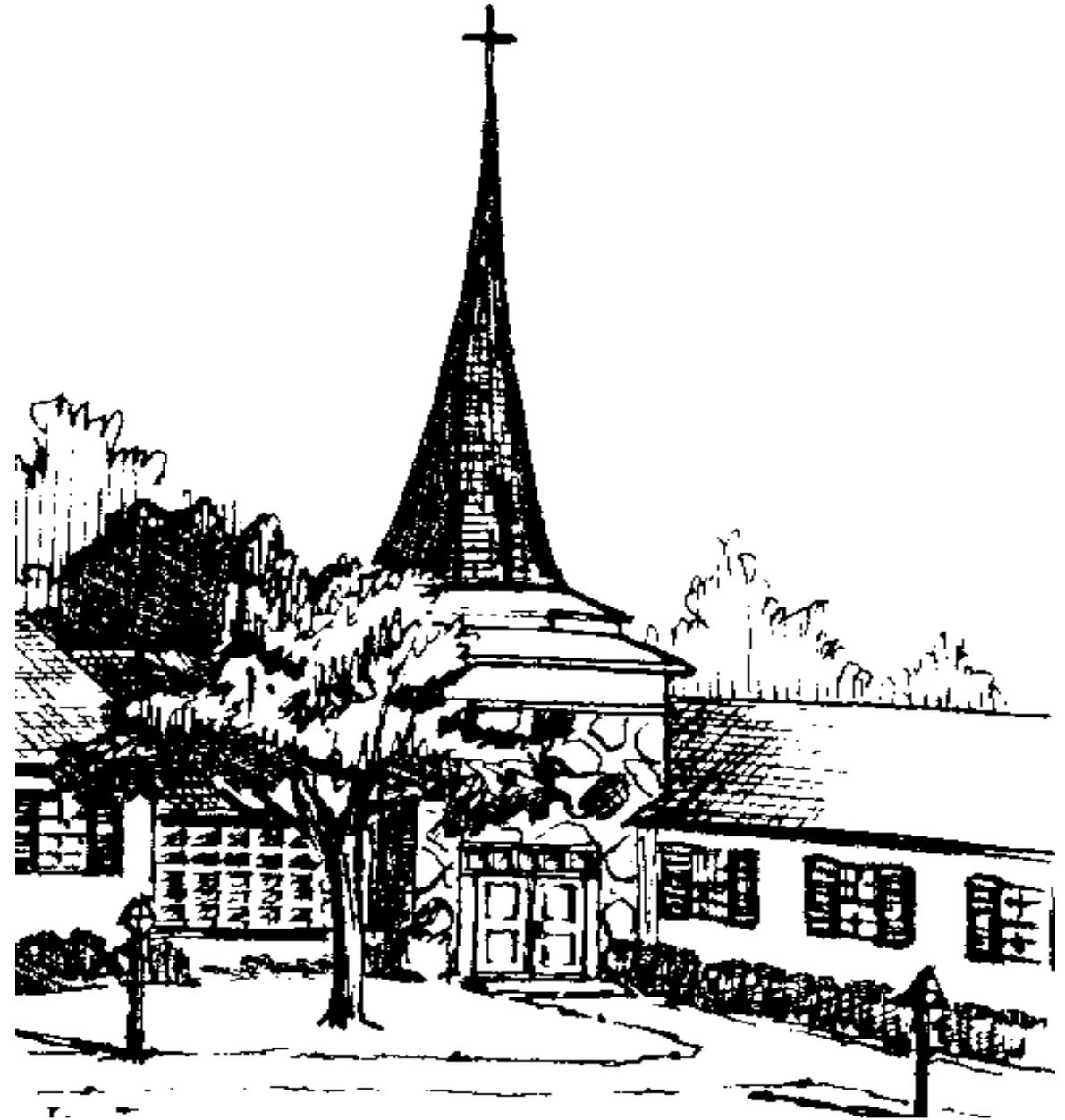
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