

April 25, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Easter

10:00 am

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

*Call to Worship

Leader: Lord, open our hearts this morning to hear your words of compassion.

People: Lord, help us to truly listen to you.

Leader: Lord, open our spirits this morning to strengthen our faith.

People: Lord, help us to work for you.

Leader: Lord, make us ready to serve.

All: Lord, make us ready to witness to your healing love. AMEN.

*Hymn of Praise *With All My Heart* Celebration Hymnal No. 662

*Prayer of Invocation

Father, increase our faith so that we might greater serve you. Direct each of us in this church to ministry that will further your kingdom. Purge us from pew sitting and set our hearts on fire with a passion that brings this small body of believers a plan to fulfill your great commission. Forgive us for our complacency and spiritual laziness. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Scripture

James 2:18-26

*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

Faith = Work

Brian Sampson

Hymn of Reflection

Here I am Lord

Celebration Hymnal No. 589

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

Find Us Faithful

Celebration Hymnal No. 456

*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.

18 But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

19 You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe--and tremble!

20 But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?

21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar?

22 Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect?

23 And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." And he was called the friend of God.

24 You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only.

25 Likewise, was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out another way?

26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

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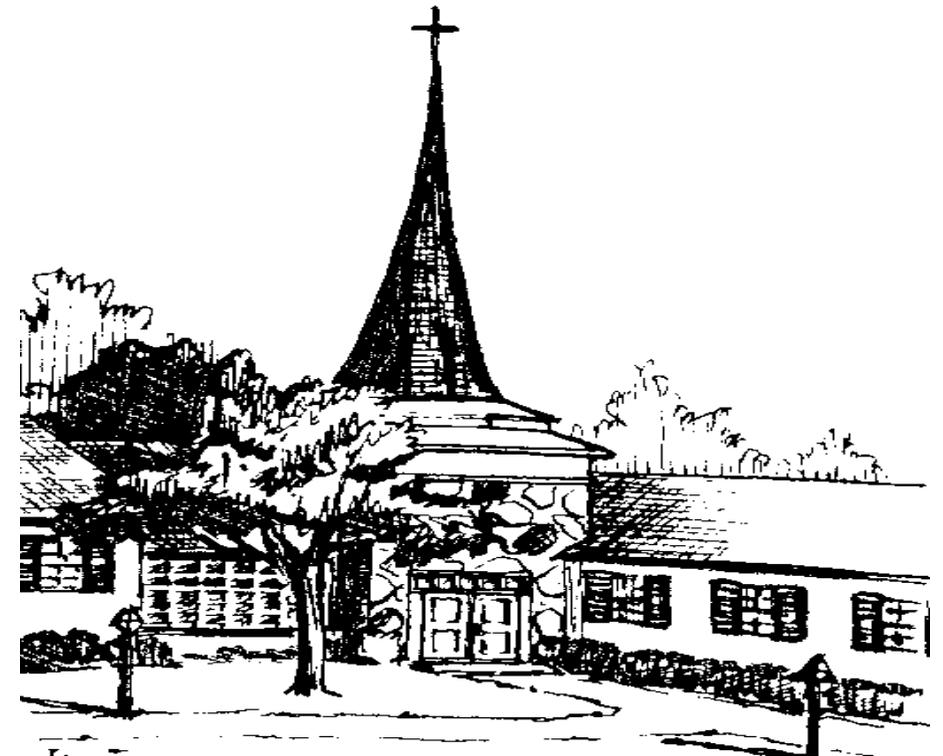
The Word of God for the people of God.

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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