

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 is our strength and our salvation:  
let everything that breathes praise our God!

**ALL: This is the day that God has made:  
We will rejoice and be glad in it!**

ONE: Praise God for mighty deeds and extravagant love.  
Praise God for loving care and answered prayers.

**ALL: We will give thanks this day, for God is good.  
The steadfast love of God endures forever.**

ONE: Grace to you and peace from the one who is  
and who was and who is to come.

**ALL: We are witnesses to the God who acts.  
We are here to offer our worship and praise.**

\*Hymn of Praise

Celebration Hymnal No. 434

"Revive Us Again"

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

God of all our beginnings, may this day and every day begin with our praise to you. Let every breath become a witness to your Spirit, dwelling within and among us. Open our hearts to receive your saving gifts. Loosen our tongues to proclaim your unsurpassed greatness. May the noise of our celebration help your people to sense your powerful presence and to claim the joy of serving you, in Christ's name. Amen.

Anthem

First Reading

Acts 5: 27-32

Gospel Reading

John 20:19-31

\*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

"Git 'er Done!"

Rev. Lew Worthington

\*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.*

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

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

Celebration Hymnal No. 676

\*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.

## **Acts 5:27-32**

<sup>27</sup>When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them,

<sup>28</sup>saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us."

<sup>29</sup>But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority.

<sup>30</sup>The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree.

<sup>31</sup>God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.

<sup>32</sup>And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

## **Gospel Reading**

### **John 20:19-31**

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

<sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

<sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

<sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

<sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.

<sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

<sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

<sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe."

<sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

<sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.

<sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

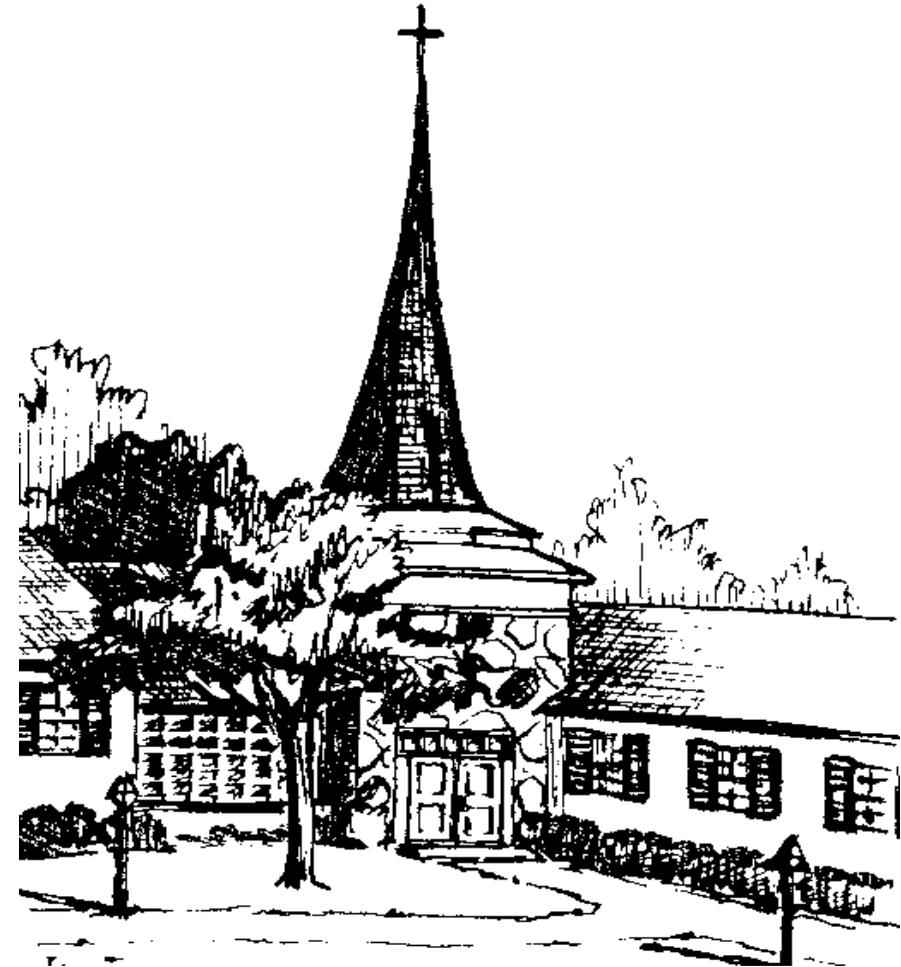
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The Word of God for the people of God.

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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