

Prelude

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

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Sing praises to God, O you saints of God.
Give thanks to God's holy name.

**ALL: Praise God for the joyous gift of a new day.
Thank God for healing and ever-present help.**

ONE: Extol the one who lifts us up from defeat.
Praise the one who upholds us when we are discouraged.

**ALL: God sees and hears our weeping.
God lifts our souls from the pit of despair.**

ONE: Give thanks to God who turns mourning into dancing.
Praise God who hears our cries and answers our prayers.

**ALL: We have cried to you in our need, O God.
We believe you are working to make us whole.**

*Hymn of Praise Celebration Hymnal No. 207

"We Have Come to Join in Worship"

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

Come to us as a light from heaven, Sovereign God. Pierce the shadow of doubt and despair, anger and scorn, that we allow to rule in our lives. Turn us from ways that deny your rule among us. Awaken us from dull routines to worship that are alive with awe and wonder, spontaneity, and joy. Surprise us with a presence we cannot avoid, a summons we dare not evade, a mission we may not escape. We are gathered by the love of Christ, that we may feed others as we have been fed. Amen.

Anthem

New Testament Lesson

Acts 9:1-9

*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.

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

Offertory "This Morning" Jenn Worthington

*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

Sermon "How to Conquer Hatred in 3 Easy Steps." Rev. Lew Worthington

Communion Hymn Celebration Hymnal No. 429

"They'll Know We Are Christians"

Service of Communion

Uniting in Covenant
Sharing of the Bread
Sharing of the Cup

*Hymn of Going Forth "The Servant Song" Celebration Hymnal No. 424

*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 9:1-9

¹Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest

²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

³Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him.

⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"

⁵He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.

⁶But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

⁷The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one.

⁸Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus.

⁹For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Church Covenant

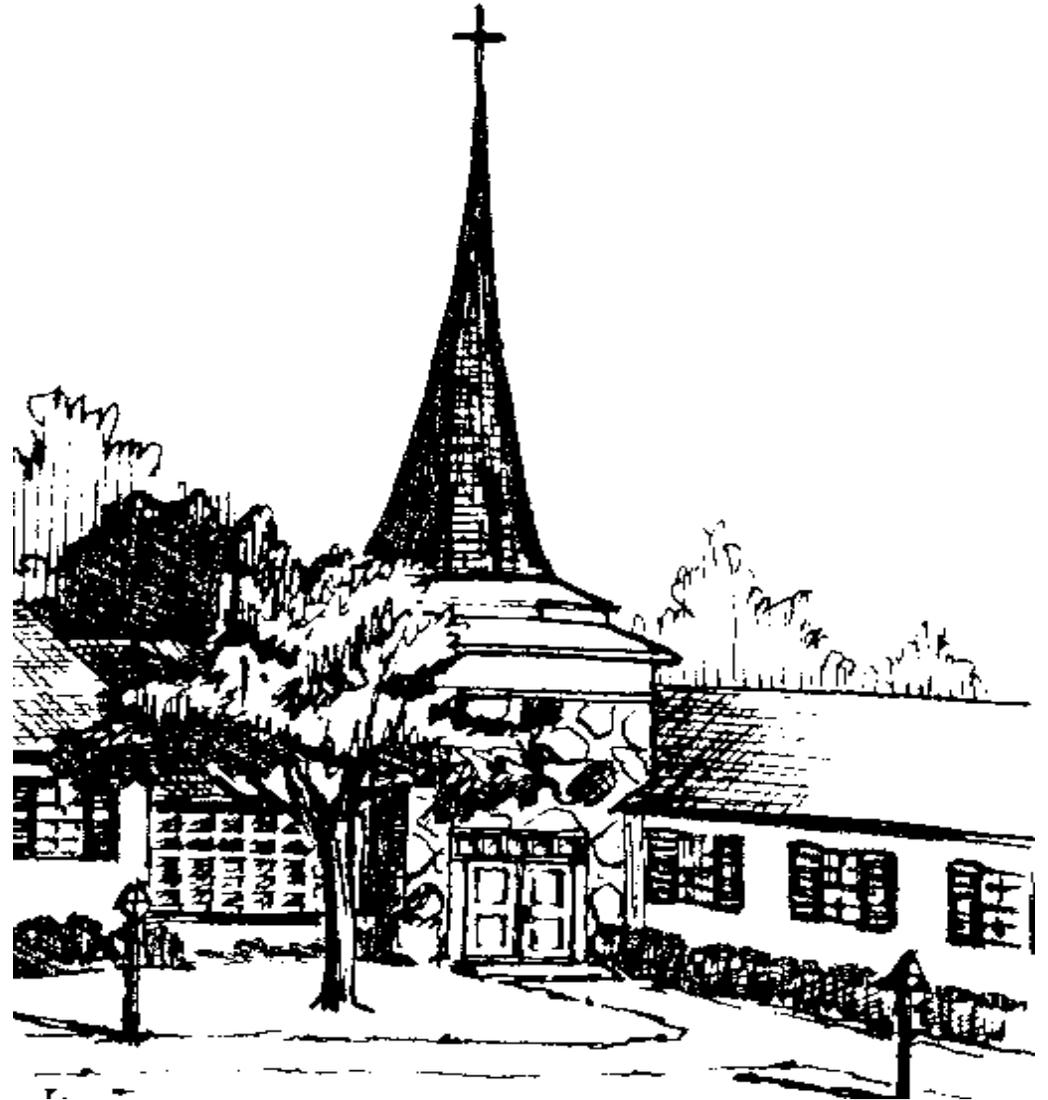
We are banded together as a Christian Church to maintain the worship of God the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer; to proclaim the gospel of Christ, to develop in ourselves and others a consciousness of our relationship and duties to God and each other; to create a spirit of love for truth, a passion for 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.

The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God

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