

Prelude

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

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Arise, people of God, to greet the one who calls us;
come alive to the Spirit's energy among us.

**ALL: God awakens us and restores our souls.
Surely God's goodness and mercy are with us here.**

ONE: The shepherd is calling us to new ventures.
We are invited to a higher quality of life.

**ALL: We will not fear to walk through shadowed valleys.
God's love in Christ is with us everywhere.**

ONE: Come to drink from springs of living water.
Gather to find comfort and blessing here.

**ALL: Surely God will guide our search for truth.
We seek eternal values within our daily walks.**

*Hymn of Praise

Celebration Hymnal No. 143

"This Is My Father's World"

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

Draw us together, Eternal One, from paths of aimless wandering. Lead us today toward the community you intend. Draw the fragments of our lives together into some meaningful whole. Help us deal with present concerns in constructive ways, yet point us beyond ourselves to engage with you in larger issues. Help us feel the hunger and thirst of others, then lead your church to make a caring response. May your love fill us and overflow into other lives. 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.

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

*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 Reflection "No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus" Celebration Hymnal No. 496

Sermon

"Are You There, God?"

Rev. Lew Worthington

*Hymn of Going Forth

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Celebration Hymnal No. 630

*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.

Psalm 23

¹The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

²He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

³he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

The Word of God for the people of God.

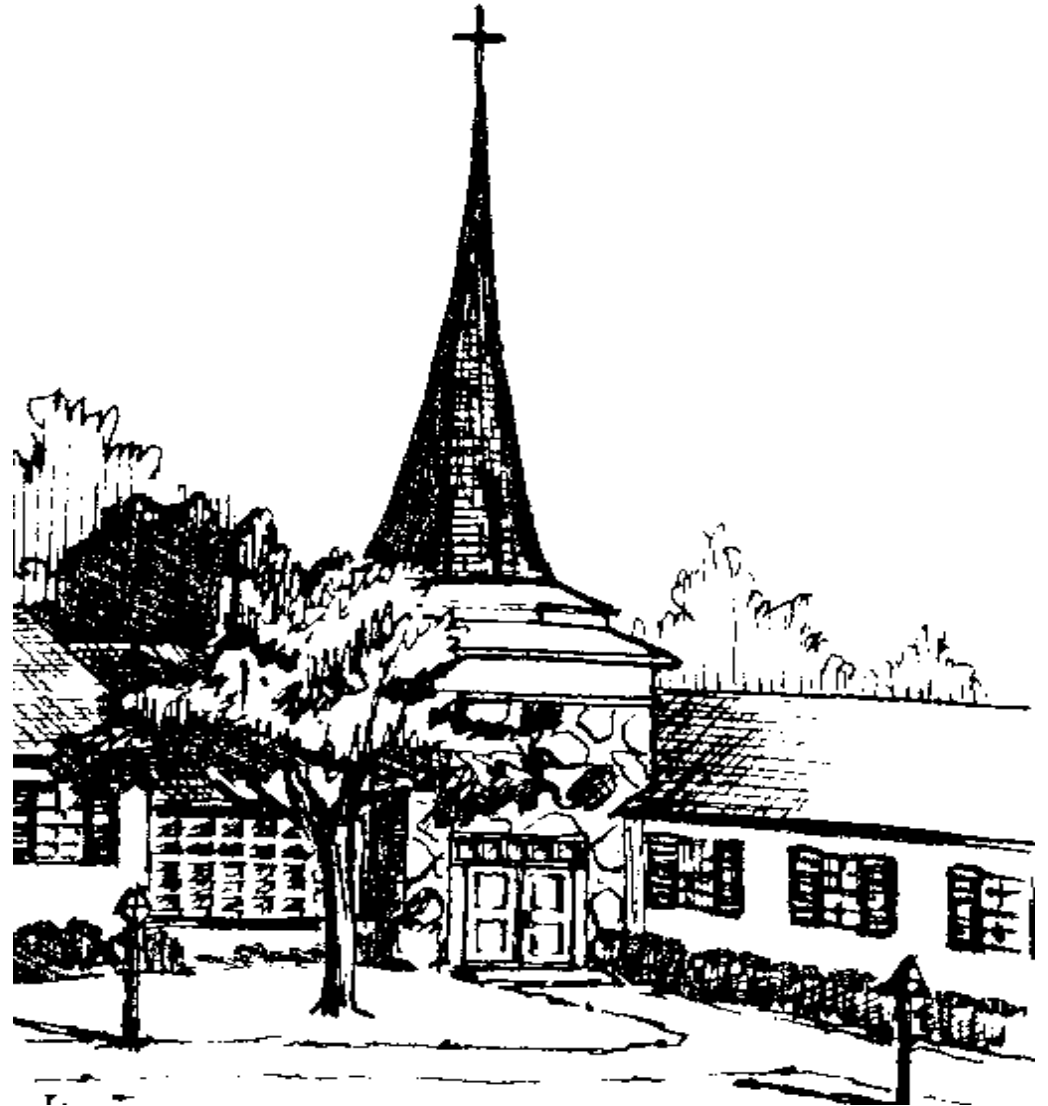
All: Thanks be to God

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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