

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

In Praise and Thanksgiving (Adapted from the Gospels)

Leader: The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.

**All: Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers to his harvest.**

Leader: And preach as you go, saying, "The kingdom of heaven has come near."

**All: Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.**

Leader: Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not a single one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father.

**All: Everyone who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven.**

Leader: Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.

**All: And whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.**

Leader: Glory to God who is here and loves us.

**All: Glory to God now and forever. Amen.**

Worship Leader:

Now my God, may Your eyes be open and your ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place.

I Love You, O Lord, my strength.

The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer. I call to the Lord, who is worthy to be praised.

Praise Hymns:

"WORTHY OF LOVE AND PRAISE"

(A worship sequence of "I Love You Lord" and "My Jesus I Love Thee")

Celebration Hymn No. 78 and 79

\*Prayer of Invocation (unison)

Eternal God, you are our Rock, you are the firm foundation for everything we build. You give gifts to your people for the good of the church. You equip and train your people to carry out the good works you have prepared for us in advance. As we meet today, we ask that you would provide wisdom, guidance and direction. Remind us that you are our loving ally, you are our fortress, you are our tower of strength and you are our rescuer. Everything we need is found in you. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Scripture:

John 15: 1-9

Time of silent prayer:

**Prayers for personal spiritual growth.**

1. Recognize who God is and pray for the glory of His name.
  - \* Give him your thanks.
  - \* Recognize his attributes.
  - \* Express your adoration.
2. Pray that his name will be set apart, and that it will receive praise and worship.
3. Pray "your will be done."
4. Pray that his Kingdom will come quickly.
5. Pray for His help in making our community more like heaven.
6. Pray that people around the world will have their daily needs met.
7. Pray that God will continue to forgive our sins.
8. Express your forgiveness to those who have sinned against you.
9. Pray to be delivered and protected from temptation.
10. Pray for God's protection for Satan's plans to harm us.

Scripture reading:

Colossians 3:10-17 (To be read in unison)

Prayer Hymn

"In His Time"

Celebration Hymnal No. 681

**Ministerial prayer for our church**

Brian Sampson

1. Prayer for our unity and holiness.
2. Prayer that we will reach people in our community with the gospel.
3. Prayer that we will make our community more like heaven.
4. Prayer that God will increase our impact and influence.
5. Prayer that God will protect and guide our leaders.
6. Prayer that God will draw new individuals and families into our church.
7. Prayer that God will give us the resources to do his work.
8. Prayer for attendance increase on Pentecost Sunday.

## Prayers for our Members:

1. Prayer for those who are ill.
2. Prayer for those facing interpersonal challenges.
3. Prayer for those who are unemployed.
4. Prayer for those who are grieving.

## Prayers for our community:

1. Those who are addicted.
2. Those trapped in poverty.
3. Those who are incarcerated.
4. Those who are lonely.
5. Widows, children without good parents, and immigrants.
6. The mentally ill.
7. Those living on the streets or in shelters.
8. Victims of abuse.

## Prayer for our leaders and Nation:

### 1. Prayer for our Local, State, and Federal leaders

- \* Ask God to protect them.
- \* Ask God to guide their decisions and actions.
- \* Ask God to help them value the things that He values.
- \* Ask God to give them a heart for the poor and vulnerable who live among us.
- \* Ask God to work in their lives spiritually, forgiving their sins and making them more like Jesus.

### 2. Prayer for those who protect us.

- \* Prayer for their safety, their integrity, and their ability to make decisions consistent with God's will.
- \* In the Military.
- \* In the Police Department.
- \* In the Fire Department.

The Lord's Prayer

(Unison)

Hymn:

"Seek Ye First"

Celebration Hymnal No. 713

Personal Prayers of the Congregation:

(Nancy Wolter, John Peters, anyone in the congregation is invited to pray)

Hymn of going forth: "Come, Every One Who Is Thirsty" Celebration Hymnal No. 720

Benediction Prayer

Brian Sampson

Postlude

**First Scripture Reading**

John 15: 1-9

- 1** "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.
- 2** Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.
- 3** You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.
- 4** Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.
- 5** I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.
- 6** If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned.
- 7** If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.
- 8** By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.
- 9** "As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love.

**Second Scripture Reading**  
(To be read in unison)

Colossians 3:10-17

- 10** and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,
- 11** where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.
- 12** Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering;
- 13** bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do.
- 14** But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.
- 15** And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.
- 16** Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.
- 17** And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

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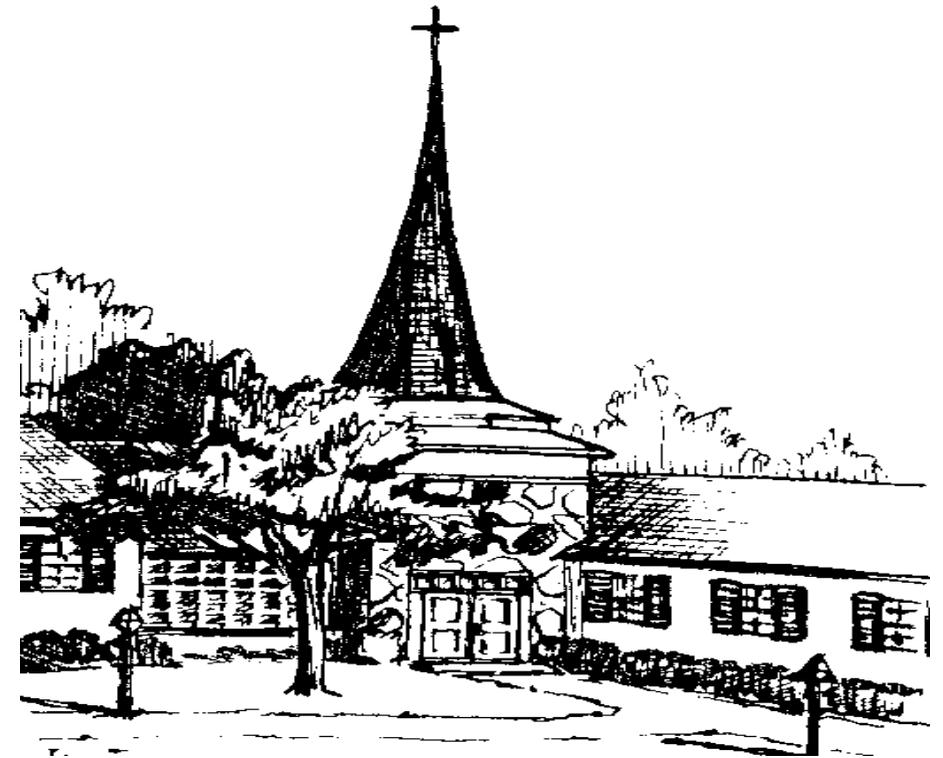
The Word of God for the people of God.

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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Looking for People to Take Inventory (Work in Pairs): We need to update the record of furniture, office equipment, and other valuables inside the church as well as the lawn & snow equipment and tools in the garage. We're looking for at least 3 "teams" of 2 people to count and list what we have in each room of the church. A clipboard and pad of paper will be provided for each team. Rooms will be divided up among teams so each team has the same number of rooms to cover. More details can be found in the May issue of *The Messenger*. Contact John Peters if you can help with this project.

Altar Flowers: If you'd like to dedicate flowers in memory of, or in recognition of, a loved one or event in your life, the last two weeks of May and ALL of June are open. Please contact the office by phone (313-271-8552) or email ([dccucc@gmail.com](mailto:dccucc@gmail.com)) and let Liz know the Sunday on which you'd like flowers for the altar and the details of your dedication. The cost is \$15, payable to the church. Payment should be sent BEFORE flowers are presented.

Give Online at Your Convenience: Remember, you can give your offering online. And you can schedule automatic payments, too! Go to [www.dccdearborn.org](http://www.dccdearborn.org) and click on the yellow "Donate" button. You DO NOT need a PayPal account. Pay with a credit card by just entering the information asked for. If you use Facebook, go to the "Dearborn Congregational Church, UCC" page where you'll see a 'Pinned' post on the right-hand side of the page with a Donate link. We invite you to take advantage of this feature. Thank you for your support!

Downriver for Veterans & Pull Tabs/Lids: We're still collecting non-perishable food, personal items, new clothing, and new pillows for Downriver for Veterans in Wyandotte. Place your items in a plastic bag and leave in a box or basket behind the pews. Any and all donations are deeply appreciated by the volunteers at DFV. We're also collecting aluminum pull tabs and can lids for Ronald McDonald House.