

June 7, 2020

10:00 am

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 8)

Leader: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

People: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

Leader: Yet you have made them a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor. You have given them dominion over the works of your hands. You have put all things under their feet.

People: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens!

*Song of Praise "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" Celebration Hymnal No. 151

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Heavenly Father, we honor You as the Great Creator, the Lord of the universe, and the Ruler overall. You reign far above us; and yet, You have invited us into Your family. You have told us to come to You as our Heavenly Father. We stand amazed, O Lord, that You care for us. We give You thanks for putting a portion of Your wonderful creation into our hands. Help us take our rightful place as Your children. Help us care for all. You have made with a mind and heart aligned with Your purposes. Help us pray and intercede for others as Jesus taught us to pray for one another. Amen.

First Lesson

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Second Lesson

John 15:1-17

*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

"One Nation under God"

Rev. Dr. Eugene A. Blair

Communion Hymn

"O Mighty Cross"

Celebration Hymnal No. 317

Service of Communion

The Lord's Supper

Rev. Dr. Eugene A. Blair

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.*

Worship in Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Offertory Prayer

*Hymn of Going Forth

"Abide with Me"

Celebration Hymnal No. 642

*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.

First Lesson

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

¹¹Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.

¹²Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

¹³The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Second Lesson

John 15:1-17

15 ¹"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower.

²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit.

³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you.

⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me.

⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.

⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.

⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

⁹As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love.

¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.

¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you.

¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.

¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name.

¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

The Word of God for the people of God.

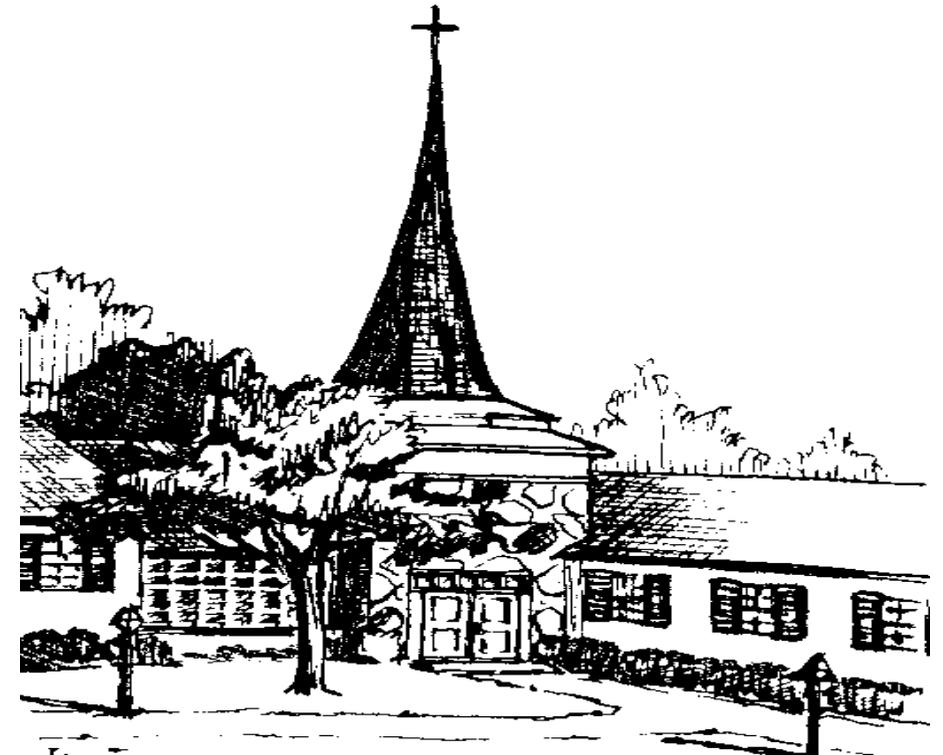
All: Thanks be to God.

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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