

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship – Psalm 86

*Leader: Save your servants who trust in you. You are our God.*

**People: Be gracious to us, O Lord. Gladden the souls of your servants. O Lord, we lift up our souls to you.**

*Leader: O Lord, you are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.*

**People: Give ear, O Lord, to our prayers. Listen to our cries of supplication. In the day of trouble, we call on you.**

*Leader: All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord. They shall glorify your name, for you are great and you do wondrous things.*

**People: You alone are God. Teach us your way that we may walk in your truth. Give us an undivided heart to revere your name.**

*Leader: We give thanks to you, O Lord our God. We will glorify your name forever, for great is your steadfast love toward us.*

**People: O Lord, you are merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. Turn to us and be gracious. Give your strength to your servants.**

\*Song of Praise “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” Celebration Hymnal No. 21

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Lord, we give thanks for bringing us to another Sunday morning, Father's Day. We pray specifically for fathers and fatherhood across our land. Your Word clearly instructs fathers to bring up their children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. God, we thank You for the men who are leading according to Your statutes and the ones that are laying their lives down for Your purposes. We pray that You will continue to use these men to lead their families and other men. We pray You will strengthen the fathers of our nation and that You will continue to empower churches, organizations, and individuals to invest in fathers and fatherhood for the sake of our children and our community. Amen

First Lesson

Proverbs 4:1-9

Second Lesson

Acts 3:1-10

\*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

" A Father's Wisdom"

Rev.Dr. Eugene A. Blair

Song of Reflection

"I Will Serve Thee"

Celebration Hymnal No. 660

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.*

\*Hymn of Going Forth

"Something Beautiful"

Celebration Hymnal No. 507

\*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

### ***Proverbs 4:1-9***

<sup>4</sup>Listen, children, to a father's instruction,  
and be attentive, that you may gain insight;  
<sup>2</sup>for I give you good precepts:  
do not forsake my teaching.  
<sup>3</sup>When I was a son with my father,  
tender, and my mother's favorite,  
<sup>4</sup>he taught me, and said to me,  
"Let your heart hold fast my words;  
keep my commandments, and live.  
<sup>5</sup>Get wisdom; get insight: do not forget, nor turn away  
from the words of my mouth.  
<sup>6</sup>Do not forsake her, and she will keep you;  
love her, and she will guard you.  
<sup>7</sup>The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom,  
and whatever else you get, get insight.  
<sup>8</sup>Prize her highly, and she will exalt you;  
she will honor you if you embrace her.  
<sup>9</sup>She will place on your head a fair garland;  
she will bestow on you a beautiful crown."

## Second Lesson

### ***Acts 3:1-10***

<sup>3</sup>One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, at three o'clock in the afternoon. <sup>2</sup>And a man lame from birth was being carried in. People would lay him daily at the gate of the temple called the Beautiful Gate so that he could ask for alms from those entering the temple. <sup>3</sup>When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked them for alms. <sup>4</sup>Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." <sup>5</sup>And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. <sup>6</sup>But Peter said, "I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk." <sup>7</sup>And he took him by the right hand and raised him up; and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. <sup>8</sup>Jumping up, he stood and began to walk, and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. <sup>9</sup>All the people saw him walking and praising God, <sup>10</sup>and they recognized him as the one who used to sit and ask for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

The Word of God for the people of God.

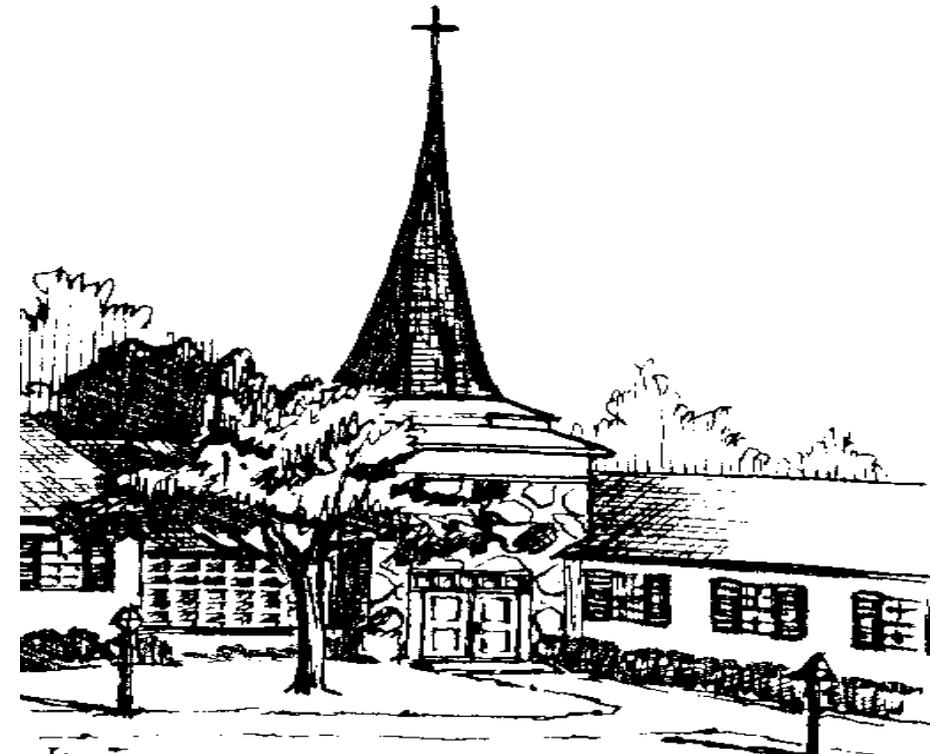
All: Thanks be to God.

# ***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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