

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship – Psalm 12 and 13

*Leader: You, O Lord, will protect us. You have promised, "Because the poor are despoiled, because the needy groan, I will now rise up. I will place them in the safety for which they long."*

**People: The promises of the Lord are promises that are pure, as silver refined in a furnace, purified seven times.**

*Leader: I trust in your steadfast love, O Lord. My heart shall rejoice in your salvation.*

**People: I will sing to the Lord because he has dealt bountifully with me.**

\*Song of Praise "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Celebration Hymnal No. 90

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

***Heavenly Father, we worship You as our defender, guardian, and protector. You care for us in ways that make You the perfect example of true fatherhood. Sometimes we pray to You with groans that words cannot express. You rise up to meet our needs with a perfect understanding. You lead us to safety and Your everlasting arms hold us securely. We find our rest in the palm of Your hand. We trust in all Your promises, and we confess that You have never failed to keep Your word to us. Fill us now with Your Spirit and help us keep our word to You. We rejoice in You and in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, every day of our lives. Amen.***

First Lesson

Acts 10:44-48

Second Lesson

John 14:9-17

\*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

"Caring for Strangers"

Rev. Dr. Eugene A. Blair

Song of Reflection

"They'll Know We Are Christians"

Celebration Hymnal No. 429

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

"With All My Heart"

Celebration Hymnal No. 662

\*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

### **Acts 10:44-48**

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, <sup>46</sup>for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup>“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” <sup>48</sup>So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

## Second Lesson

### **John 14:9-17**

<sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, “Show us the Father”?’ <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

### ***The Promise of the Holy Spirit***

<sup>15</sup> ‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

The Word of God for the people of God.

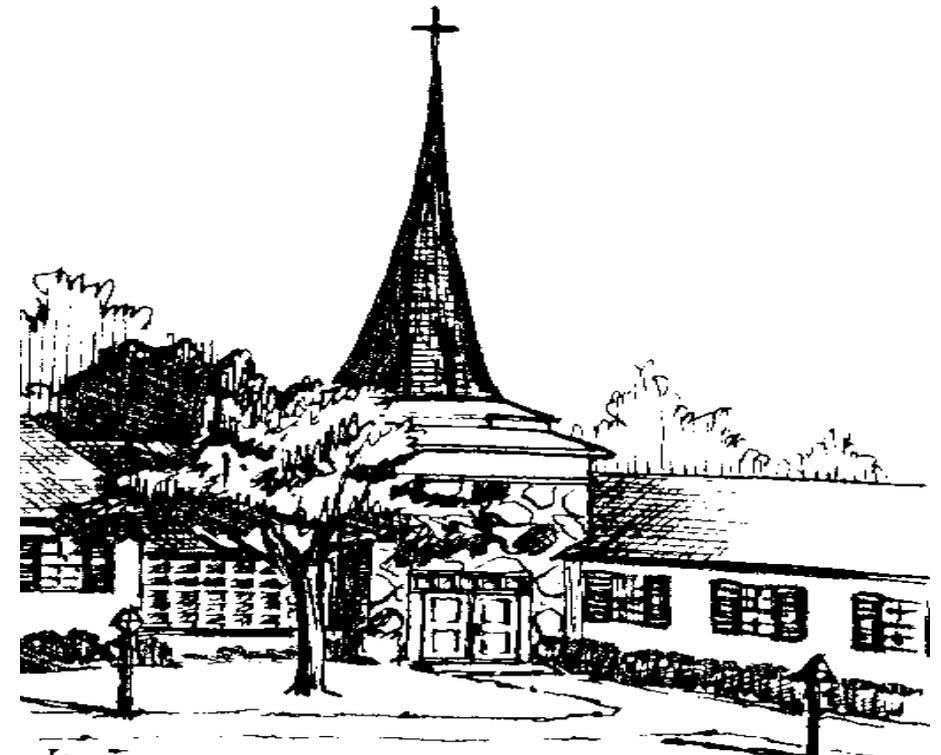
All: Thanks be to God.

# ***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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