

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship – Psalm 139

*Leader: O LORD, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.*

**People: You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.**

*Leader: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me. It is so high that I cannot attain it.*

**People: Where can I go from your Spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?**

*Leader: If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.*

**People: For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.**

\*Song of Praise                      "Awesome Power"                      Celebration Hymnal No. 150

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*Heavenly Father, we gather in joy to worship you this Sunday morning. We praise your name for the blessings of this day. You created us and watch over us as a loving parent cares for a child. Help us to always walk in Your ways and praise Your name as we pray in the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen.*

First Lesson

Acts 27:27-44

Second Lesson

Matthew 8:23-27

\*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

"Broken Pieces"

Rev. Dr. Eugene A. Blair

Song of Reflection "Come, Every One Who Is Thirsty" Celebration Hymnal No. 720

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

### **Acts 27:27-44**

<sup>27</sup>When the fourteenth night had come, as we were drifting across the sea of Adria, about midnight the sailors suspected that they were nearing land. <sup>28</sup>So they took soundings and found twenty fathoms; a little farther on they took soundings again and found fifteen fathoms. <sup>29</sup>Fearing that we might run on the rocks, they let down four anchors from the stern and prayed for day to come. <sup>30</sup>But when the sailors tried to escape from the ship and had lowered the boat into the sea, on the pretext of putting out anchors from the bow, <sup>31</sup>Paul said to the centurion and the soldiers, "Unless these men stay in the ship, you cannot be saved." <sup>32</sup>Then the soldiers cut away the ropes of the boat and set it adrift. <sup>33</sup>Just before daybreak, Paul urged all of them to take some food, saying, "Today is the fourteenth day that you have been in suspense and remaining without food, having eaten nothing. <sup>34</sup>Therefore I urge you to take some food, for it will help you survive; for none of you will lose a hair from your heads." <sup>35</sup>After he had said this, he took bread; and giving thanks to God in the presence of all, he broke it and began to eat. <sup>36</sup>Then all of them were encouraged and took food for themselves. <sup>37</sup>(We were in all two hundred seventy-six persons in the ship.) <sup>38</sup>After they had satisfied their hunger, they lightened the ship by throwing the wheat into the sea. <sup>39</sup>In the morning they did not recognize the land, but they noticed a bay with a beach, on which they planned to run the ship ashore, if they could. <sup>40</sup>So they cast off the anchors and left them in the sea. At the same time they loosened the ropes that tied the steering-oars; then hoisting the foresail to the wind, they made for the beach. <sup>41</sup>But striking a reef, they ran the ship aground; the bow stuck and remained immovable, but the stern was being broken up by the force of the

waves. <sup>42</sup>The soldiers' plan was to kill the prisoners, so that none might swim away and escape; <sup>43</sup>but the centurion, wishing to save Paul, kept them from carrying out their plan. He ordered those who could swim to jump overboard first and make for the land, <sup>44</sup>and the rest to follow, some on planks and others on pieces of the ship. And so it was that all were brought safely to land.

## Second Lesson

### **Matthew 8:23-27**

<sup>23</sup>And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. <sup>24</sup>A windstorm arose on the sea, so great that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. <sup>25</sup>And they went and woke him up, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!" <sup>26</sup>And he said to them, "Why are you afraid, you of little faith?" Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a dead calm. <sup>27</sup>They were amazed, saying, "What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?"

The Word of God for the people of God.

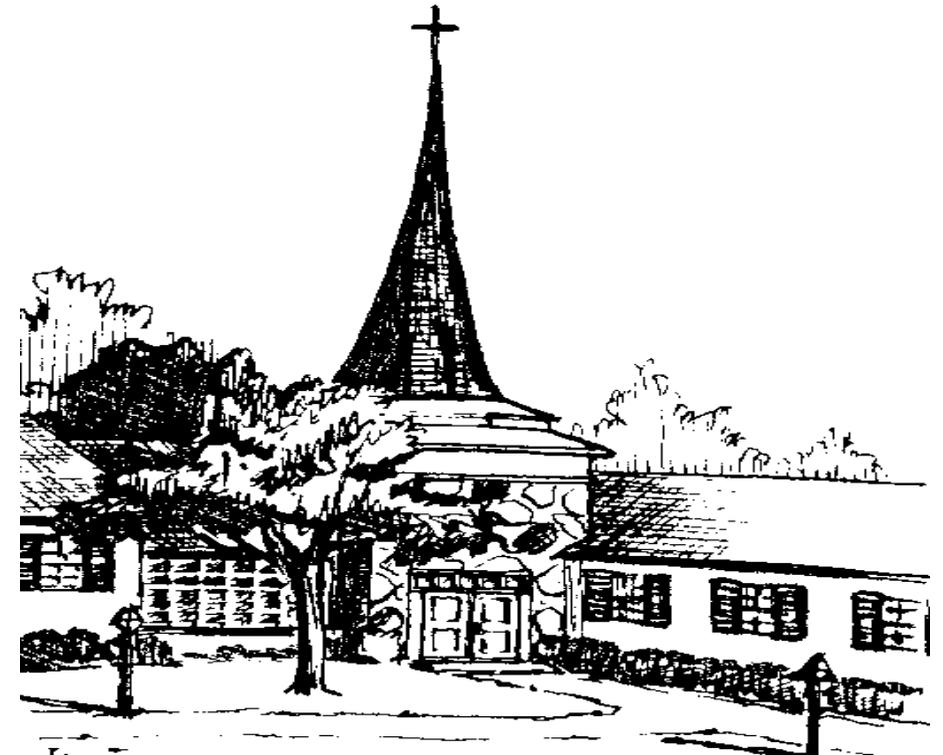
All: Thanks be to God.

# ***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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