

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship – Psalm 126, 127, and 128

*Call to Worship – Psalm 17*

*Leader: I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God. Incline your ear to me, hear my words.*

***People: Wondrously show your steadfast love, O Savior of those who seek refuge at your right hand.***

*Leader: Guard me as the apple of your eye. Hide me in the shadow of your wings.*

***People: I shall behold your face in righteousness. When I awake I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.***

\*Song of Praise                      "I Stand in Awe"                      Celebration Hymnal No. 80

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

***Creator God, as our loving Father, You always incline Your ear and Your heart toward us. You enjoy hearing our words of appreciation, our prayers of intercession, and our deepest expressions of heartfelt needs. We belong to Your family as needy children. You respond to our sighs, those concerns that we cannot express in words, and You give us comfort and grace. Your love for us is not as a fleeting moment in time. It is a constant commitment to keep all of Your promises to us. Your love gives us the assurance of Your protection. We trust in You as our Defender and Savior. We do not come to You with the arrogance that self-righteousness can inspire, but with full faith in Jesus Christ, the Righteous Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.***

First Lesson

Romans 9:1-5

Second Lesson

Matthew 14:13-21

\*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

"What to Do About the Crowd"

Rev. Dr. Eugene A. Blair

Communion Hymn

"Lamb of Glory"

Celebration Hymnal No. 109

Service of Communion

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 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" Celebration Hymnal No. 602

\*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

### ***Romans 9:1-5***

**9**I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit— <sup>2</sup>I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. <sup>3</sup>For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. <sup>4</sup>They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; <sup>5</sup>to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

## Second Lesson

### ***Matthew 14:13-21***

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. <sup>14</sup>When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. <sup>15</sup>When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." <sup>17</sup>They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." <sup>18</sup>And he said, "Bring them here to me." <sup>19</sup>Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. <sup>20</sup>And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. <sup>21</sup>And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The Word of God for the people of God.

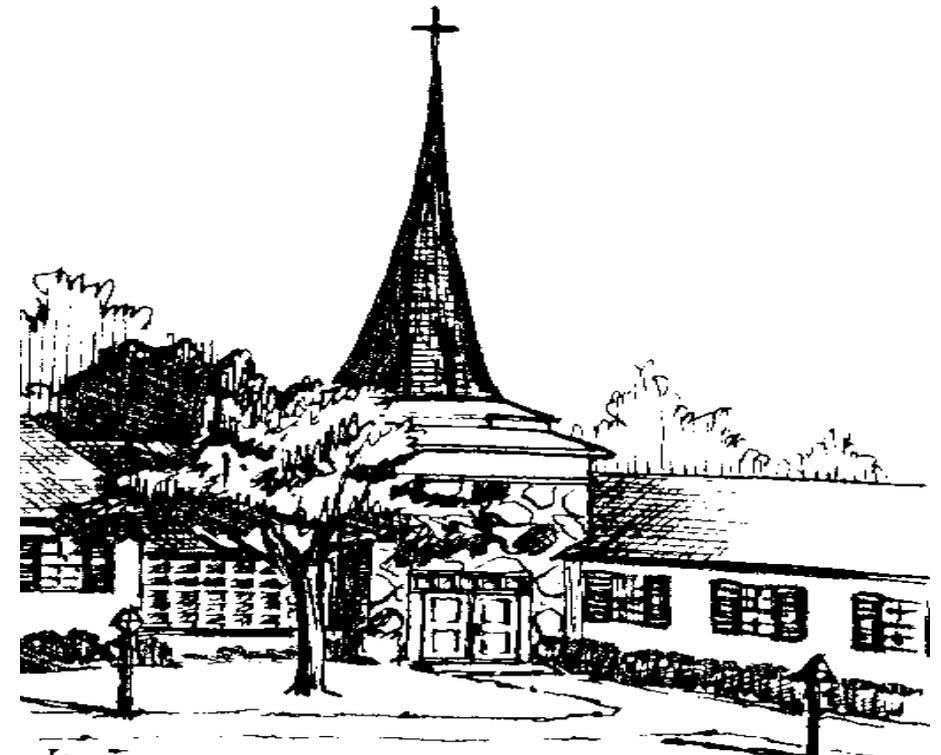
All: Thanks be to God.

# ***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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