

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Listen, all who are fleeing from the Holy One;  
God is calling us; God has called us together.

**ALL: O give thanks to God, for God is good;  
God's steadfast love endures forever.**

ONE: God is eager to put loving arms around us.  
God is waiting to satisfy our hunger and thirst.

**ALL: God fills the hungry with good things.  
Our thirsting souls are filled to overflowing.**

ONE: Set your minds on things that are above  
Put to death your earthly obedience.

**ALL: God leads us to a new identity, to new life.  
We seek renewal in the image of our Creator.**

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

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

Loving God, in whose arms we have found our identity, come among us to direct our faltering steps in the ways you would have us go. Teach us to walk with Christ through the distractions that beckon us in other directions. Turn our vain striving into meaningful service, our foolish greed to the fulfillment of sharing, our confusion to clarity of vision, that we might worship you truly this hour. Amen.

Service of Communion

Hymn "O Mighty Cross" Celebration Hymnal No. 317  
Uniting in Covenant  
Sharing of the Bread  
Sharing of the Cup

Worship in Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

\*Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\*Offertory Prayer

\*Passing the Peace of Christ

Congregational Prayer

Sharing Prayer Concerns

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.*

Scripture Reading

Colossians 3:1-11

\*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

"Positive ID"

Rev. Lew Worthington

\*Hymn of Response

"The Servant Song"

Celebration Hymnal No. 424

\*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.

## ***Colossians 3:1-11***

**3** So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup> for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup> Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). <sup>6</sup> On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. <sup>7</sup> These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life.

<sup>8</sup> But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. <sup>9</sup> Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup> and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup> In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

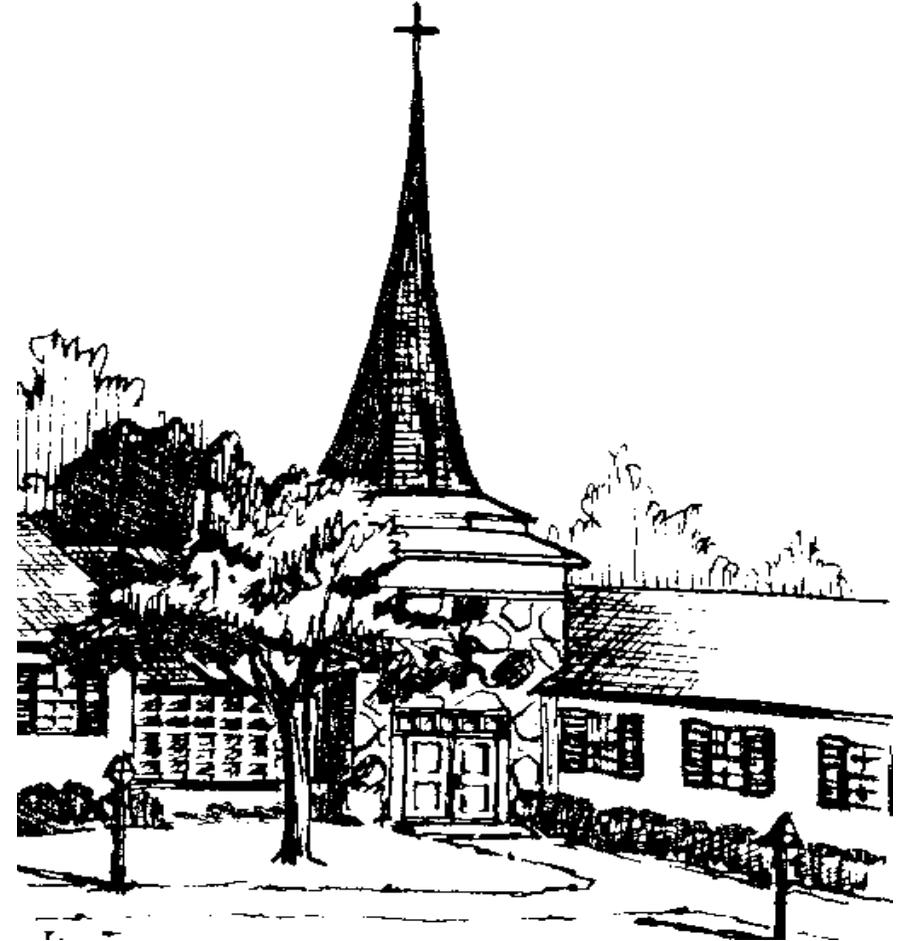
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The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

## **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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