

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Hebrews 11 from *The Voice* translation):

ONE: Faith is the assurance of things you have hoped for, the absolute conviction that there are realities you've never seen.

ALL: It was by faith that our forebears were approved.

ONE: Through faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God;

ALL: Everything we now see was fashioned from that which is invisible.

ONE: Without faith no one can please God...

ALL: Because the one coming to God must believe God exists, and God rewards those who come seeking.

*Hymn of Praise "A Mighty Fortress" Celebration Hymnal No. 151

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

Surrounded by a rich heritage of faith, we seek to know you, God, in this time of worship. Thankful for our spiritual ancestors, we return to our roots to find our true identity. We lay aside all that weighs us down and fills us with doubts so we can give attention to your call and your message. Meet us here, we pray. Amen.

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

Hymn of Prayer

"As the Deer"

Celebration Hymnal No. 548

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

Hebrews 11 - 12:2a

*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

"Need a Faithlift?"

Rev. Lew Worthington

*Hymn of Response

"Find Us Faithful"

Celebration Hymnal No. 456

*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.

RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE READING (Hebrews 11:4-12:1 based on *The Voice* translation):

ONE: By faith Abel presented to God a sacrifice more acceptable than his brother Cain's.

ALL: By faith Abel learned he was righteous.

WOMEN: By faith Enoch was carried up into heaven so that he did not see death.

MEN: By faith Noah respected God's warning regarding the flood.

ONE: By faith Abraham heard God's call to travel to a place he would one day receive as an inheritance;

ALL: And he obeyed, not knowing where God's call would take him.

ONE: By faith Abraham's wife Sarah...

ALL: By faith Abraham...

MEN: By faith Isaac...

WOMEN: By faith Jacob...

ONE: By faith...

MEN: By faith...

WOMEN: By faith...

ALL: By faith...

PASTOR: I could speak more of faith; I could talk until time itself ran out. I could give accounts of people alive with faith who conquered kingdoms, brought justice, obtained promises, and closed the mouths of hungry lions. I could tell you how

people of faith doused raging fires, escaped the edge of the sword, made the weak strong, and—stoking great valor among the champions of God—sent opposing armies into panicked flight.

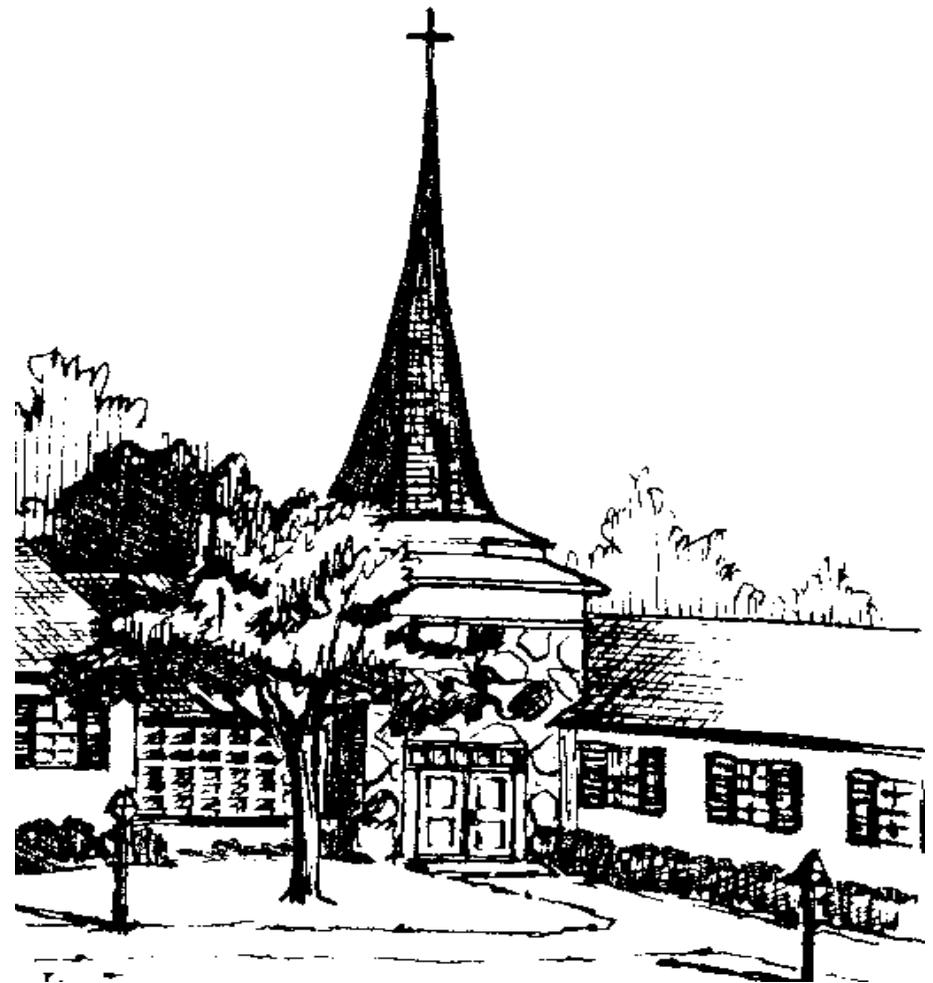
ALL: So since we stand surrounded by all those who have gone before, an enormous cloud of witnesses, let us drop every extra weight, every sin that clings to us and slackens our pace, and let us run with endurance the long race set before us.

One: 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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