

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to worship – Psalm 119

*Leader: You have dealt well with your servant, O LORD, according to your word.*

**People: Teach me good judgment and knowledge, for I believe in your commandments.**

*Leader: Before I was humbled, I went astray, but now I keep your word.*

**People: You are good and do good; teach me your statutes.**

*Leader: It is good for me that I was humbled, so that I might learn your statutes.*

**People: The law of your mouth is better to me than thousands of gold and silver pieces.**

\*Song of Praise

“Lamb of Glory”

Celebration Hymnal No. 109

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*Heavenly Father, We come with joy to worship you this morning. Your word describes many blessings that believers can receive directly from Your hand. We trust Your word, and as believers we know by experience that Your word is true. You have never failed us, and You have never failed to keep Your word. But we confess that we have failed You and others. So, teach us good judgment and give us greater knowledge of Your will. For Jesus' sake, forgive us for our failures and sins. Fill us now with the knowledge, love, power, and Spirit of Jesus Christ so we can grow in faithfulness and grace. Use us to bring Your blessings to others that they might rejoice in You. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.*

First Lesson

Romans 13:8-14

Second Lesson

Matthew 18:15-20

\*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

“Christians and Conflict”

Rev. Dr. Eugene A. Blair

Communion Hymn

“O Mighty Cross”

Celebration Hymnal No. 317

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

“Come, Everyone Who Is Thirsty”

Celebration Hymnal No. 720

\*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 13:8-14***

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

## Second Lesson

### ***Matthew 18:15-20***

<sup>15</sup>"If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup>But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

The Word of God for the people of God.

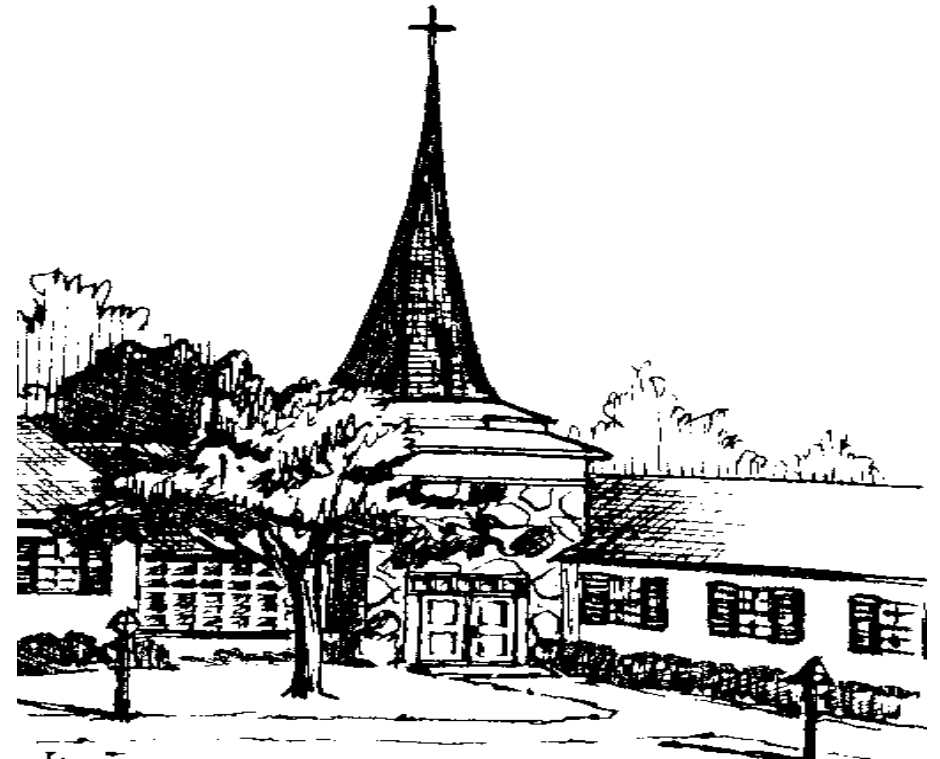
All: Thanks be to God.

## 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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# ***WELCOME!***



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