

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Hear the choices God sets before us:
life and prosperity or death and adversity.

**ALL: O God, you have searched us and known us.
You know our thoughts and every move we make.**

ONE: Listen to the ordinances of our God;
love God and walk in the way God commands.

**ALL: O God, we will listen for your words.
We will seek to walk on the paths you intend.**

ONE: Happy are those who delight in God's law;
blessed are all who meditate on God's word.

**ALL: Wonderful are all your works, O God.
We are your creation; we are in your hands.**

*Song of Praise "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Celebration No. 11

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

Like a skilled potter, O God, you have shaped each one of us as a unique design. You know us better than we know ourselves. You value us more highly than we can imagine. You weep when we are marred or broken through our own misdeeds or the world's cruelty. We gather now to assemble our prayers for one another and all the world's people in a chorus of devotion. Hear us, gracious God. Amen.

*Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Congregational Prayer

Sharing Prayer Concerns

Song of Reflection

"Take Time to be Holy"

Celebration No. 656

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

Luke 14:25–33

*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

"Let's Get Radical!"

Rev. Lew Worthington

*Hymn of Response

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

Celebration 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.

Luke 14: 25–33

25 Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them,

26 “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple.

27 Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

28 For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it?

29 Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him,

30 saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’

31 Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand?

32 If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace.

33 So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

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The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

We love...

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.

WELCOME!



"The next time you put on a dinner, don't just invite your friends and family and rich neighbors, the kind of people who will return the favor. Invite some people who never get invited out, the misfits from the wrong side of the tracks."

~ Jesus of Nazareth (as quoted in *The Message*) ~

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