

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: God looks on humankind to see if any are wise.  
Who is seeking after God above all else?

**ALL: We look to Jesus Christ for wisdom and truth;  
we reach out to be strengthened for service.**

ONE: The winds of God blow among us to winnow and cleanse.  
They sweep through our midst in judgment.

**ALL: Have mercy on us, O God, and wash away our sin.  
Do not let your wrath burn against us.**

ONE: Remember your promises to us, O God.  
Create in us clean hearts and renewed spirits.

**ALL: We seek to know you and to grow in understanding.  
Confront us here and light our way out of the void.**

\*Song of Praise "And Can it Be" Celebration No. 347

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

Hear our cries, O God, for we recognize our need for your mercy. We are fearful to encounter you, yet we cannot live without you. We are like lost sheep who have wandered away from the best we know and cannot find our way back. We want you to find us, be we fear your punishment. Come, Good Shepherd, to rescue us from ourselves. 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.*

*We gather...*

*We connect...*

\*Offertory Prayer

Congregational Prayer

Sharing Prayer Concerns

Song of Reflection

"There Is a Redeemer"

Celebration No. 308

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.*

Choral Response

Scripture Reading

Luke 15:1-10

\*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.*

Choir Anthem

Sermon

"Homecoming"

Rev. Lew Worthington

\*Hymn of Response

"Victory in Jesus"

Celebration No. 353

\*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.

*We receive...*

*We respond...*

All: Thanks be to God.

## **Luke 15:1-10**

<sup>1</sup>Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him.

<sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

<sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable:

<sup>4</sup>"Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it?

<sup>5</sup>When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices.

<sup>6</sup>And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.'

<sup>7</sup>Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

<sup>8</sup>Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it?

<sup>9</sup>When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.'

<sup>10</sup>Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

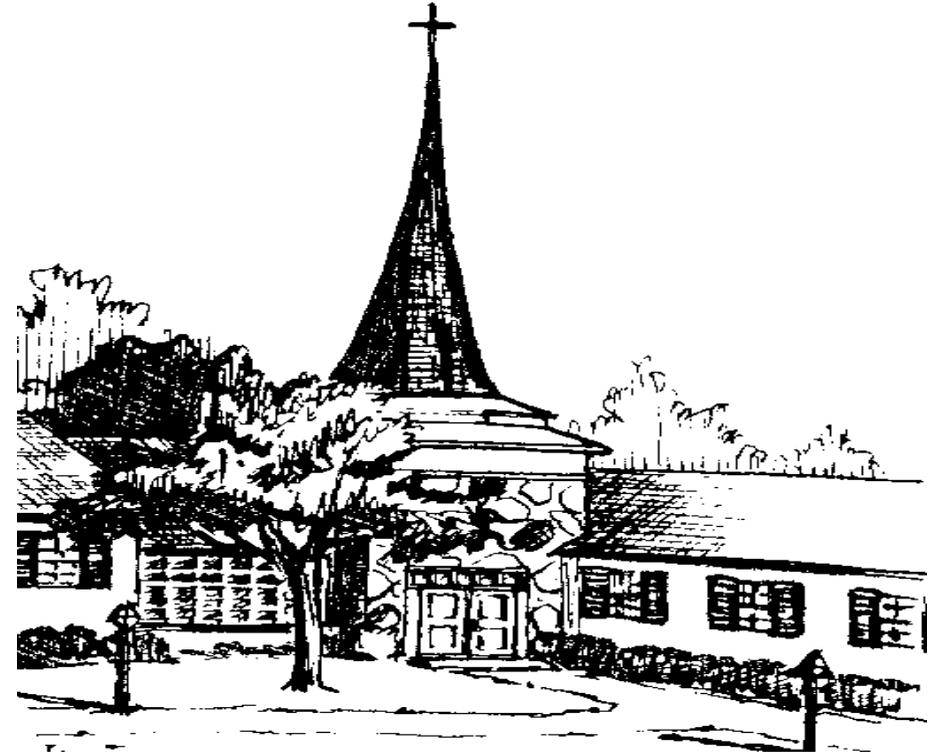
The Word of God for the people of God.

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!***



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