

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Passing the Peace of Christ

Introit

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: God's mercies never end; they are new every morning.
We gather in gratitude, that our faith may increase.

**ALL: We will sing our songs of praise.
We will proclaim the good news of the gospel.**

ONE: Take delight in God, who is with us wherever we go.
Trust God, even when we do not feel like singing.

**ALL: We will commit all our ways to God.
We will wait patiently for answers to our prayers.**

ONE: By God's grace, we are gathered for worship.
In God's love, we are no longer exiles and strangers.

**ALL: We have been called together by the Holy Spirit.
We will treasure this special time in sacred space.**

*Song of Praise "Fairest Lord Jesus" Celebration Hymnal No. 87

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

Make your presence known among us, O God, for the foundations of our lives are shaking. We grieve in loneliness amid the crowds. We huddle in fear because of the violence that surrounds us. Cities are ravaged, and rural areas are not safe. We are exiled from the homeland of our dreams. Draw us to yourself, gracious God, that we may experience your reign among us. 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.*

We gather...

We connect...

*Offertory Prayer

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.*

Choral Response

Scripture Reading

Lamentations 1:1-6

*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.*

We receive...

Choir Anthem

Sermon

"The Golden Age"

Rev. Lew Worthington

Service of Communion

Communion Hymn

"There Is a Fountain"

Celebration Hymnal No. 336

Uniting in Covenant

Sharing of the Bread

Sharing of the Cup

*Hymn of Response

"Just as I Am"

Celebration Hymnal No. 488

*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.

We respond...

*Postlude

*We invite you to stand if you are able.

Lamentations 1:1-6

1 How lonely sits the city that once was full of people! How like a widow she has become, she that was great among the nations! She that was a princess among the provinces has become a vassal.

2 She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks; among all her lovers she has no one to comfort her; all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they have become her enemies.

3 Judah has gone into exile with suffering and hard servitude; she lives now among the nations, and finds no resting place; her pursuers have all overtaken her in the midst of her distress.

4 The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to the festivals; all her gates are desolate, her priests groan; her young girls grieve, and her lot is bitter.

5 Her foes have become the masters, her enemies prosper, because the Lord has made her suffer for the multitude of her transgressions; her children have gone away, captives before the foe.

6 From daughter Zion has departed all her majesty. Her princes have become like stags that find no pasture; they fled without strength before the pursuer.

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.



Calling All Bakers!: Pat Stacho is asking all bakers of the church to help out with the Craft Show/Bake Sale on October 19th. She really needs any kind of baked good for the Bake Sale. Bring your speciality, cookies, pie, cake, whatever you enjoy making. Let Pat know so she can plan for the sale. Thanks for your help!

Book Club is reading *Anything Is Possible* by Elizabeth Strout. We will meet and discuss the book on **Monday, October 21 at 7:00 p.m.**

Diaconate Meeting

The Diaconate is scheduled to meet Wednesday, October 9 at 7:00 PM

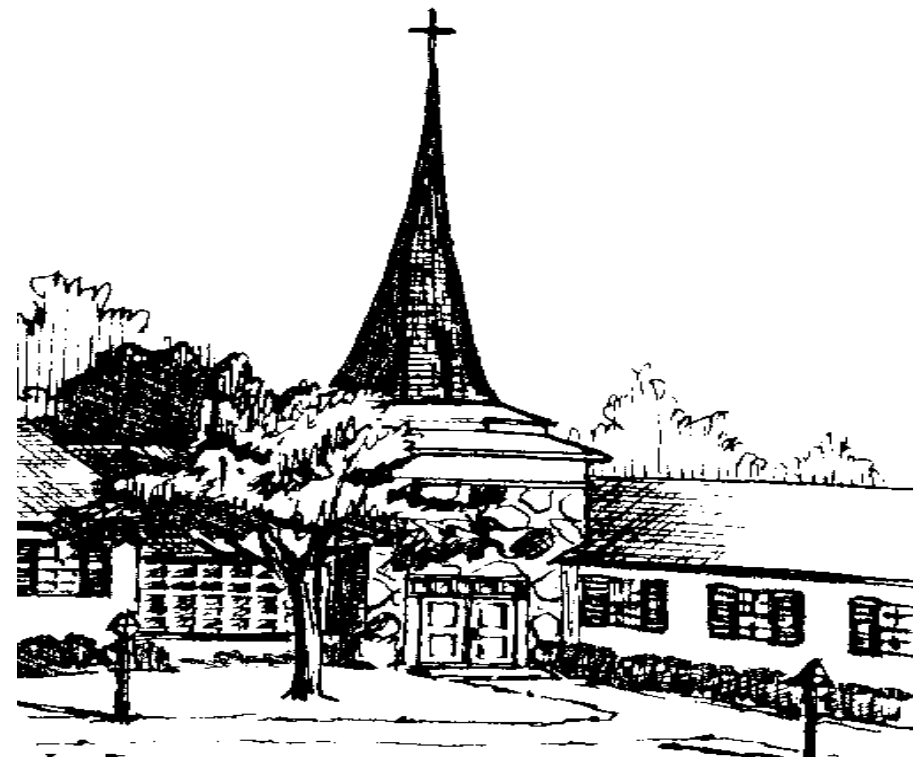


Noisy Offering – October 27

Start saving your loose change for our **Samaritan's Purse** Noisy Offering collection on October 27. The organization's president is Franklin Graham, son of Christian evangelist Billy Graham. Your support helps their worldwide work to provide physical and spiritual aid to suffering people in the Name of Jesus Christ and to continue sharing the love of Christ and the hope of the Gospel to more than 100 countries around the world. Our coins are collected in metal buckets so we hope to hear a lot of noise! Silent dollar bills will also be gratefully accepted.

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WELCOME!



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