

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Call to Worship – Psalm 106

Leader: Praise the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

People: Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.

Leader: Remember me, O Lord, when you show favor to your people; help me when you deliver them; that I may see the prosperity of your chosen ones.

People: Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise.

Leader: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

People: And let all the people say, “Amen.” Praise the Lord!

*Song of Praise *To God Be the Glory* Celebration Hymnal No. 56

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Heavenly Father, You revealed Your glory, power, and wisdom to us in all You created. You wrote Your law upon our hearts and gave us the power to reason and discern right from wrong. Then, You spoke to us in Your word, the Holy Scriptures, that we might know the truth about You and how we should live. But Lord, we refused to do what we knew to do, and we also did what we knew not to do. Then, You sent Your Son, Jesus, to save us from our sins. So, for all these gifts and more, we praise You this day. May our worship be pleasing in your sight. Amen.

First Lesson

Philippians 4:1-9

Second Lesson

Matthew 22:1-4

*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

A Parable of Rejection

Rev. Dr. Eugene A. Blair

Hymn of Reflection

Come Just as You Are

Celebration Hymnal No. 481

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

Blessed Assurance

Celebration Hymnal No. 572

*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

Philippians 4:1-9

4Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. ²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. ⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Second Lesson

Matthew 22:1-4

22Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’

The Word of God for the people of God.

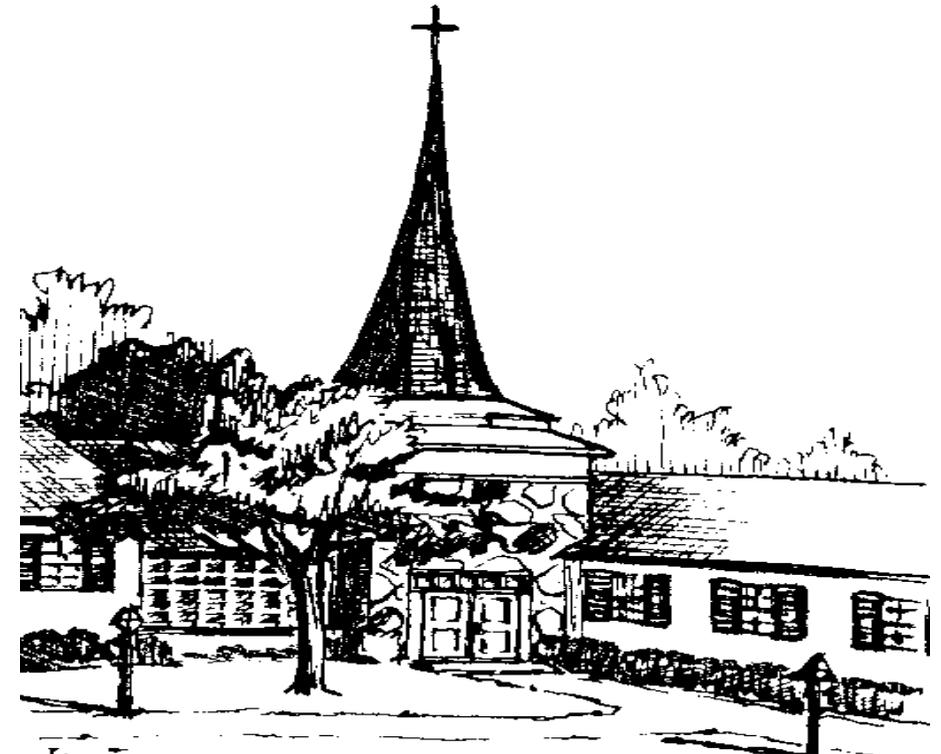
All: Thanks be to God.

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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