

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Passing the Peace of Christ

Introit

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: God is home in our presence.
Speaking words of healing and forgiveness.

ALL: We welcome God's presence here and open our ears to hear.

ONE: God is love in our presence.
Touching our hearts so they might overflow.

ALL: We welcome God's presence here and open our hearts to love.

ONE: God is light in our presence.
Illuminating our dimly lit places that we might come out of our darkness.

**ALL: We welcome God's presence here and open our eyes
to embrace the light.**

*Song of Praise Celebration Hymnal

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION:
God of all things, we invite You this morning to remind us how near to us You are. We come to You with hearts and minds and souls full of thoughts and worries and thanksgivings. We confess that we often forget the nearness of You. Remind us this morning that Your Spirit is nearer than our breathing in and breathing out. We thank You for our connection to You and to one another, and we ask that our faith be multiplied together as we listen to Your words and live out Your love and light. Amen.

Worship in Tithes and Offerings
Offertory

We gather...

We connect...

*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 Celebration Hymnal

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 Mark 2:1-12

*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 "Diving Deeper, Part 1: Faith" Rev. Lew Worthington

*Hymn of Response Celebration Hymnal

*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...

Mark 2:1-12

²When he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home.

²So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them.

³Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them.

⁴And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay.

⁵When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven."

⁶Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts,

⁷"Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

⁸At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, "Why do you raise such questions in your hearts?"

⁹Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Stand up and take your mat and walk'?

¹⁰But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" —he said to the paralytic—

¹¹"I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home."

¹²And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

We love...

Church Covenant

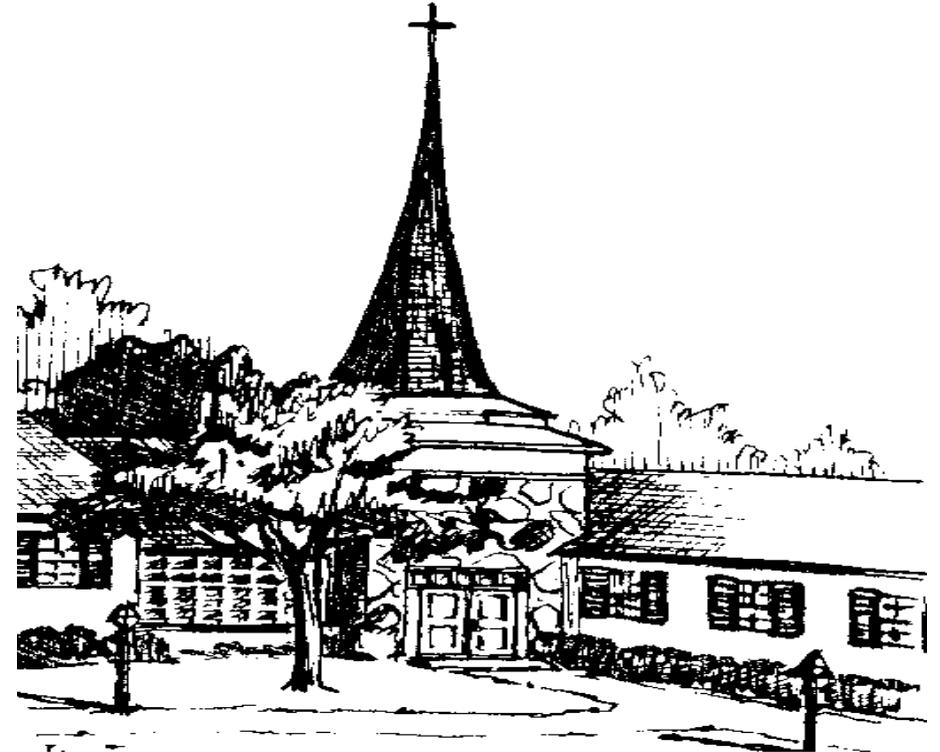
We are banded together as a Christian Church to maintain the worship of God the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer; to proclaim the gospel of Christ, to develop in ourselves and others a consciousness of our relationship and duties to God and each other; to create a spirit of love for truth, a passion for 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.

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.**

Noisy Offering – Next Sunday: Please bring your loose change next Sunday for our **Samaritan's Purse** Noisy Offering collection. The organization's president is Franklin Graham, son of 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.

Coloring With a Twist - November 7: Bring your favorite beverage and join us on Thursday, November 7 at 6:30 PM for a Coloring Party. Snacks will be provided along with coloring books and pencils. Feel free to invite family and friends.

WELCOME!



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