

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Call to Worship – Psalm 107

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

People: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands.

Leader: Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited town; hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

People: Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

Leader: Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love and for his wonderful works. He satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things.

People: Let those who are wise give heed to these things and consider the steadfast love of the Lord!

Hymn of Praise

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

No. 3

Invocation

Creator God, Your steadfast love endures forever. We have seen Your love expressed in the lives of Your chosen people in the Scriptures. And we have experienced Your steadfast love in our very own lives. Even though they sinned, when they repented, You saved them from distress. Likewise, Father, we remember how You have forgiven us when we have returned to You in faith, repentance, and obedience. Help us share the good news of Your salvation with others, and hear us as we pray in Jesus' holy name. Amen.

First Lesson

I Thessalonians 2:9-13

Second Lesson

Matthew 22:34-40

*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

The Power of Guilt and the Joy of Grace Rev. Dr. Eugene A. Blair

Communion Hymn

Celebration Hymnal No. 583

You Are My All in All

Service of Communion

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

You Are My Hiding Place

Celebration Hymnal No. 700

*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

I Thessalonians 2:9-13

⁹You remember our labor and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. ¹⁰You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was toward you believers. ¹¹As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children, ¹²urging and encouraging you and pleading that you lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

¹³We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers.

Second Lesson

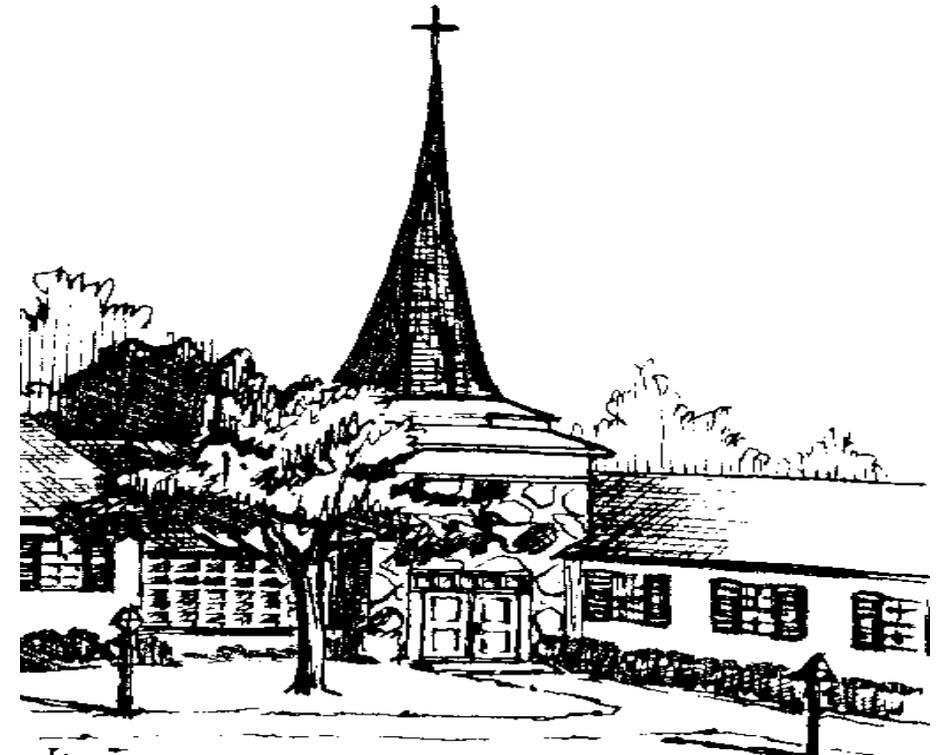
Matthew 22:34-40

³⁴When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" ³⁷He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." ³⁸This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

WELCOME!



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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