

**November 21, 2021 Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am**

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

\*Call to Worship

L: Come, let us celebrate the wondrous gifts that God has given us.

**P: Throughout all our lives, God has blessed us with love and hope.**

L: Praise be to God who provides for us.

**P: May our hearts be truly grateful, and may we show our gratitude by the ways in which we live and care for others.**

L: Hallelujah!

**P: AMEN.**

\*Hymn of Praise

*We Gather Together*

Celebration Hymnal No.790

\*Prayer of Invocation

L: In the midst of our thanksgiving,  
let us pause in silence  
to recall how we so often  
lose sight of the gifts of each day  
and of their Giver.

(a moment of silence)

O God, we know that we forget about you,  
we forget to love you,  
we forget to help our neighbors,  
we forget to thank you.  
Forgive us.

**All: Grant us clear minds to know you,  
new hearts to love you  
strong hands to serve you**

**Help us live this day, this week, and always  
so that our whole life is a thanksgiving to you. In Jesus' Name, Amen.**

Scripture

Colossians 3:1-8

**“3 We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, 4 since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, 5 because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, 6 which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and growing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, 7 just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf 8 and has made known to us your love in the Spirit”**

\*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.*

Special Music

Ann Traver Saadah

Sermon

*Grateful for Growth and Grace*

Brian Sampson

Hymn of Reflection

*In All Things Give Him Thanks*

Celebration Hymnal No.789

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

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

Celebration Hymnal No. 797

\*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.

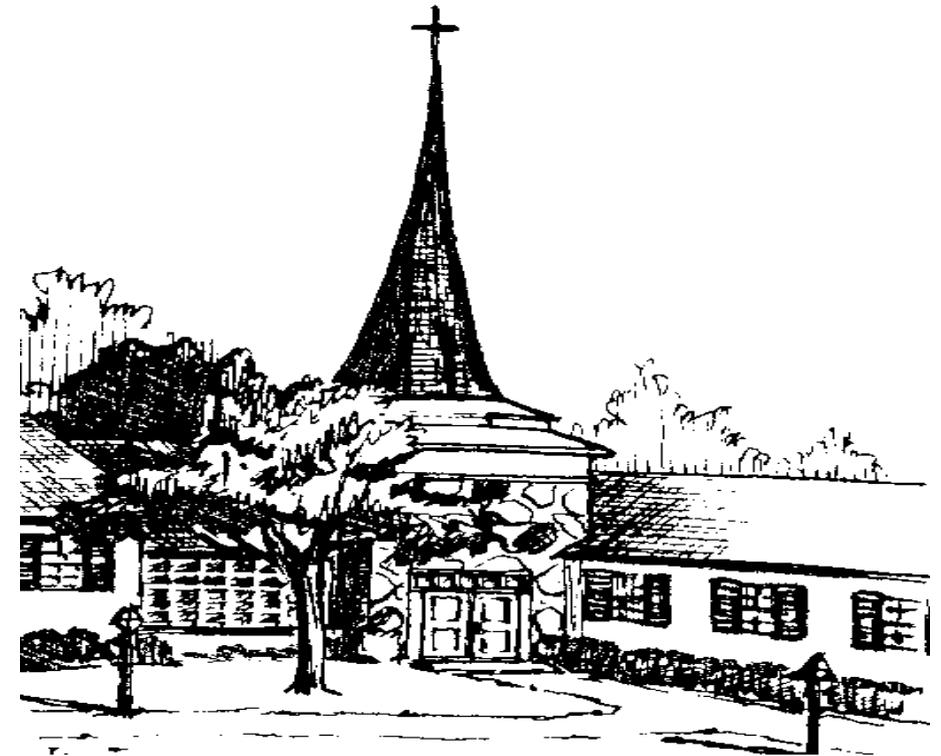
Postlude

\*We invite you to stand if you are able.

# ***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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