

Prelude

Let us turn our hearts and minds to a time of silent reflection and prayer.

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: God finds delight in humanity, and in each of us.
Let us rejoice before the majesty of our Creator.

**ALL: God of grace and glory, who made all things.
How majestic is your name in all the earth!**

ONE: In Christ, we are called to endure and to hope.
Let us give thanks for a faith that brings peace.

**ALL: God of grace and glory, Savior of your people,
How precious to us is your gift of Jesus Christ!**

ONE: The Holy Spirit is present to guide and direct us,
Let us listen that we may hear and do what is true.

**ALL: God of grace and glory, ever present with us,
How reassuring is the love with which you surround us!**

*Hymn of Praise

Celebration Hymnal No. 548

"As the Deer"

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

Amazing God, revealed to us in more ways than we can count, yet binding in unity all that was and is and yet shall be, we worship you. Source of mountains and seas, giver of light and darkness, we marvel at the work of your hands. Reconciler and Redeemer, we are awed by the forgiving love that draws us to you and empowers us to care for one another. Spirit of truth, whose guidance is available to us every day, we rejoice in your transforming presence. Triune God, bless, we pray, this gathering of your disciples. Amen.

Anthem

Scripture Reading

Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31

*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 Good Life Plan"

Rev. Lew Worthington

Hymn of Reflection "Lord Jesus, I Long to Be Perfectly Whole"

No. 653

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

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.

*Offertory Prayer

*Hymn of Going Forth

"I'm Pressing on the Upward Way"

Celebration Hymnal No. 549

*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.

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

8 Does not wisdom call,
and does not understanding raise her voice?

2 On the heights, beside the way,
at the crossroads she takes her stand;

3 beside the gates in front of the town,
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:

4 "To you, O people, I call,
and my cry is to all that live.

22 The Lord created me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of long ago.

23 Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

24 When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.

25 Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth—

26 when he had not yet made earth and fields,
or the world's first bits of soil.

27 When he established the heavens, I was there,
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,

28 when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,

29 when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,

30 then I was beside him, like a master worker;
and I was daily his delight,
rejoicing before him always,

31 rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the human race.

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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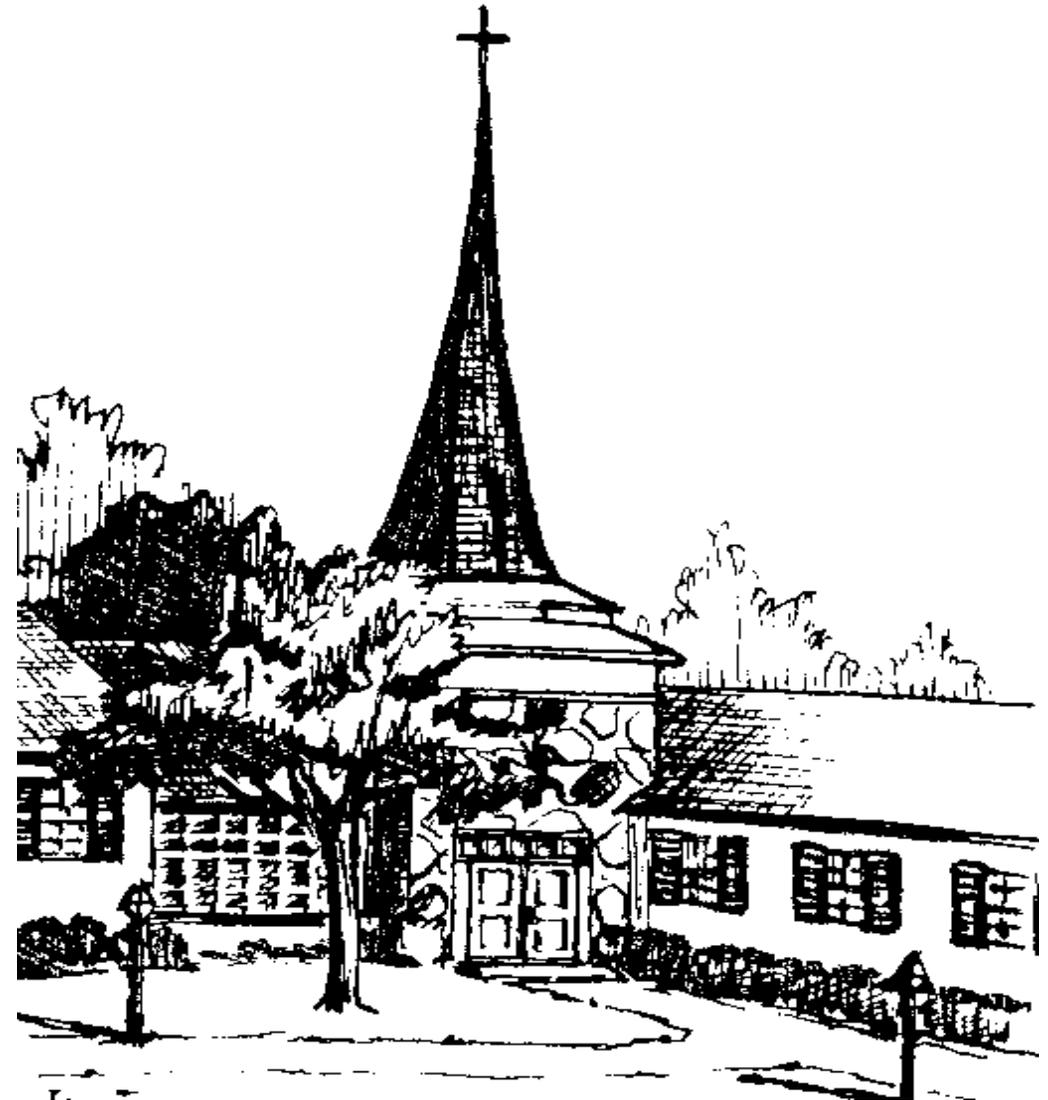
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