WELCOME, ALL WORSHIPERS

WHOEVER YOU ARE, AND WHEREVER YOU ARE ON LIFE'S JOURNEY, YOU ARE WELCOME HERE.

I GIVE THANKS TO MY GOD ALWAYS FOR YOU BECAUSE OF THE GRACE OF GOD THAT HAS BEEN GIVEN YOU IN CHRIST JESUS, FOR IN EVERY WAY YOU HAVE BEEN ENRICHED IN HIM, IN SPEECH AND KNOWLEDGE OF EVERY KIND — JUST AS THE TESTIMONY OF CHRIST HAS BEEN STRENGTHENED AMONG YOU — SO THAT YOU ARE NOT LACKING IN ANY SPIRITUAL GIFT AS YOU WAIT FOR THE REVEALING OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. 1 CORINTHIANS 1:4-7

(*) INDICATES WHEN THOSE WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND.

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please complete the Friendship Book as it is passed during announcements; then pass it toward the center aisle.)

A TIME OF REFLECTION

*Opening Hymn: #224 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (ALL VERSES) ISAAC WATTS, 1707; ALT.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)

LEADER: LET ALL WHO ARE FAITHFUL COME NOW BEFORE GOD.

ALL: LET US ACKNOWLEDGE OUR TRANSGRESSIONS.
LEADER: THEN WILL GOD PARDON AND PRESERVE US.

ALL: COME, REJOICE! FOR GOD FORGIVES.

*Opening Prayer (Unison)

ALL: LOVING GOD, THAT YOU FORGIVE SO MUCH, SO READILY, ASTOUNDS US. YOU WILLINGLY HEAR EVEN OUR MOST BURDENSOME CONFESSIONS, DEMONSTRATING HOW ENDURING IS YOUR DESIRE FOR OUR FULL RESTORATION TO YOU. WE PRAISE YOUR GOODNESS AND FORBEARANCE. AMEN.

*THE GLORIA PATRI (SUNG)

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.

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ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE LESSON: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:1-9

SERMON: "LACKING NOTHING"

Rev. DICK HOTCHKIN

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (DEBTS AND DEBTORS)

HYMN: #193 In the Cross of Christ I GLORY (VERSES 1-3)

JOHN BOWRING, 1825

SHARING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Leader: Let us give as each is able from the fullness of our gratitude to God.

OFFERTORY

*Doxology Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures here below.

PRAISE GOD ABOVE, YE HEAVENLY HOST.

PRAISE FATHER, SON, AND HOLY GHOST. AMEN.

*Unison Prayer of Dedication (ALL): ALL GOOD GIFTS ARE FROM GOD. WE SHARE OUR GIFTS WITH GRATITUDE. MAY WE GIVE WITH PASSION FOR JUSTICE, AND WITH GOD'S LOVE GUIDING OUR PATHS. AMEN.

*CLOSING HYMN: #490 | WANT JESUS TO GO WITH ME (ALL VERSES)

AFRICAN-AMERICAN SPIRITUAL; ALT.

*Benediction

*Unison Response:

AND GOD WILL RAISE YOU UP ON EAGLE'S WINGS, BEAR YOU ON THE BREATH OF DAWN, MAKE YOU TO SHINE LIKE THE SUN, AND HOLD YOU IN THE PALM OF GOD'S HAND. AMEN.

Postlude

OUR APPRECIATION IS EXTENDED TO MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP MINISTRY

USHERS: PENNY ANDERSON & NANCY WEDGE

ALTAR GUILD: PAT GARANT
GREETERS: TAMMY VEASY

COUNTER: NANCY WEDGE

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS: RON & LYNN BORKE AND BETH PETTY

This Week's Calendar			
SUNDAY	March 30	10:00 AM	Worship Service
		11:30 AM	Search Committee Meeting
THURSDAY	APRIL 3	5:30 PM	CHOIR REHEARSAL
FRIDAY	APRIL 4	10:30 AM	GREAT WORLD RELIGIONS CLASS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TODAY BY NANCY WEDGE IN HONOR OF JOAN CHRZAN'S BIRTHDAY (APRIL 1st).
- ❖ PLEASE CHECK THE CARDS AND THANK YOU LETTERS IN THE MIDDLE HALLWAY.
- THERE IS STILL TIME TO ORDER **EASTER FLOWERS.** ORDER FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE HALLWAY TABLE. FORMS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE OFFICE BY TOMORROW, **MONDAY, MARCH 31ST.**
- ❖ THE NEXT GREAT WORLD RELIGIONS CLASS WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAYS, APRIL 4TH, AT 10:30 A.M. NEW PARTICIPANTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME. CALL OR EMAIL THE OFFICE TO REGISTER.
- ♦ MEMBER DECLARATION CARDS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE TABLE IN THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY. YOU MAY COMPLETE THESE, AND PUT THEM IN THE BOX BY THE OFFICE.

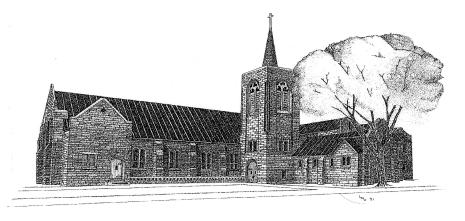
SUNDAY WORSHIP LIVE-STREAMED AND RECORDED -- OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES ARE LIVE-STREAMED, SHOWN ON THE INTERNET, AS THEY ARE HAPPENING AND RECORDED FOR VIEWING ONLINE LATER. PEOPLE IN THE SANCTUARY ATTENDING THE SUNDAY SERVICE MAY BE SEEN AS PART OF THE LIVE-STREAM AND RECORDING.

A UNISEX HANDICAP-ACCESSIBLE RESTROOM IS LOCATED THROUGH THE DOORS TO YOUR LEFT AS YOU EXIT THE SANCTUARY. A HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE LADIES RESTROOM IS NEAR THE LOCKWOOD STREET ENTRANCE. A MEN'S ROOM IS IN THE MIDDLE HALLWAY

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