WELCOME, ALL WORSHIPERS

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

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"GOD SAW EVERYTHING THAT GOD HAD MADE, AND INDEED, IT WAS VERY GOOD." GENESIS 1:31

(*) 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.)

MOMENT FOR MISSIONS

A TIME OF REFLECTION

*OPENING HYMN: THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS (INSERT)

*CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)

BORIS GERBER, LAY READER

LEADER: O TASTE AND SEE THAT THE LORD IS GOOD. ALL: COME, GATHER TO SAVOR THE LORD. LEADER: LET US EXALT GOD'S NAME.

ALL: COME, GATHER TO OFFER PRAISE.

***OPENING PRAYER**

ALL: LAMB OF GOD, YOU HAVE SURELY PRESENTED US WITH MORE LOVE THAN WE CAN COMPREHEND AND MORE THAN WE CAN DEMONSTRATE. MARKED AND SEALED BY YOUR LOVE, WE LONG TO LIVE AS YOUR OWN. ALL PRAISE TO YOU, FOR YOU HAVE SHOWN US THE WAY. 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. Words: Anonymous, 4th Century. Music: Henry Greatorex. This selection is in the Public Domain.

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE LESSON: GENESIS 1:1-2:3

SERMON: "IN THE BEGINNING"

REV. DICK HOTCHKIN

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

*HYMN: #349 I COME WITH JOY (VERSES 1-5) BRIAN WREN, 1968; REV. 1982, 1994

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

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*CLOSING HYMN: #347 LET US TALENTS AND TONGUES EMPLOY (VERSES 1-3) FRED KAAN, 1975; ALT. COPYRIGHT@ 1975 BY HOPE PUBLISHING COMPANY

*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

LAY READER: BORIS GERBER USHERS: MAX & VICKY LINDSAY FELLOWSHIP HOSTS: ALTAR GUILD: NANCY WEDGE GREETER: PENNY ANDERSON COMMUNION: ASHLEY WEDGE

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY

MAY 5 10:00 AM

WORSHIP SERVICE COMMUNION BLANKET SUNDAY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✤ BLANKET SUNDAY CONTINUES TO MAY 12.
- PLEASE SEE PASTOR DICK OR GARY JARMUZEWSKI IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN VISITING SHUT-INS/HOMEBOUND MEMBERS OR IF YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN A VISIT.
- ✤ SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 2 POTLUCK TO HONOR THE CHOIR.
- ✤ Fellowship Hosts are needed for May and July.
- THE 2024 LADIES LUNCHES ARE SCHEDULED FOR MAY 10 AND JUNE 14. THE LADIES WILL PLAN TO MEET AT 11:30 AM AT THE BIG BOY ON RIPLEY BLVD. PLEASE CONTACT BOBBI ZUBI AT 989-657-9996 IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS. ALL ARE WELCOME!
- ✤ PLEASE REMEMBER TO CHECK FOR CARE LETTERS AND CARDS IN THE MIDDLE HALLWAY.
- THE AREA FOOD PANTRY IS IN NEED OF: BOXED OR PACKAGES OF MASHED, AU GRATIN, SCALLOPED OR CHEESY POTATOES, CANNED CORN, CANNED PORK AND BEANS, CEREAL, CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP, AND RICE OR NOODLE SIDES (IN POUCHES).

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.