

WELCOME, ALL WORSHIPERS

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

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JESUS SAID, "DAUGHTER, YOUR FAITH HAS MADE YOU WELL; GO IN PEACE, AND BE  
HEALED OF YOUR DISEASE." MARK 5:34  
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(*) 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: #507 JESUS – THE VERY THOUGHT TO ME** (VERSES 1-5)

LATIN, POSSIBLY 12TH CENTURY TRANSL. EDWARD B. CASWALL, 1849; ALT.

***CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)**

JIM McNEIL, LAY READER

LEADER: WE GATHER TOGETHER TO WORSHIP THE LORD.

ALL: WHOSE GLORY IS BRIGHT AS THE DAWN.

LEADER: MAY WE BE FORGED INTO A UNIFIED PEOPLE.

ALL: A SHINING CROWN OF BEAUTY FOR OUR LORD.

***OPENING PRAYER**

**ALL: HOW CAN WE KEEP SILENT, GREAT PROVIDER, WHEN WE CONSIDER ALL YOU HAVE
OFFERED US. HEAR OUR WORDS OF GRATITUDE FOR YOUR ABILITY TO FILL EACH DAY WITH
SURPRISES, FILL EACH LIFE WITH THE MANIFESTATIONS OF YOUR SPIRIT, AND FILL YOUR
CHURCH WITH THE MESSAGE OF YOUR POWER AND GLORY. HEAR OUR PRAYERS. 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 GREATORIX. THIS SELECTION IS IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN.

SCRIPTURE LESSON: MARK 5:21-43

SERMON: "A TALE OF TWO DAUGHTERS"

REV. DICK HOTCHKIN

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

***HYMN: #597 SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER** (VERSES 1-4)

ROBERT LOWRY, 1864; ALT.

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: #438 WHEN PEACE, LIKE A RIVER** (VERSES 1, 4)

HORATIO G. SPAFFORD, 1873; 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**

LAY READER: JIM MCNEIL

ALTAR GUILD: LORI MAYER

USHERS: GARY & SANDY JARMUZEWSKI

GREETER: ANN GEROW

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS: SONNY & JOAN CHRZAN, NANCY WEDGE AND ASHLEY WEDGE

COUNTER: NANCY WEDGE

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 8	10:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
MONDAY	SEPTEMBER 9	5:30 PM	BOARD MEETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN INFORMATIONAL MEETING THIS MORNING DURING FELLOWSHIP TIME.
- ❖ BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2024, YOU MAY CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR A PAPER (SNAIL MAIL) COPY OF THE NEWSLETTER; OTHERWISE ALL NEWSLETTERS WILL BE SENT ELECTRONICALLY (EMAIL). THE NEWSLETTER WILL ALSO CONTINUE TO BE POSTED ON THE CHURCH WEBSITE. YOU MAY WANT TO UPDATE YOUR EMAIL AT THIS TIME BY CALLING THE OFFICE OR EMAILING US AT OFFICEUCCALP@GMAIL.COM. THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING IN THIS IMPORTANT STEP IN STEWARDSHIP AND FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY.
- ❖ FELLOWSHIP HOSTS ARE NEEDED FOR DECEMBER. PLEASE USE SIGN-UP IN MIDDLE HALLWAY.
- ❖ SAVE THE DATE: NOVEMBER 10, THANKSGIVING POTLUCK; DECEMBER 8, HOLIDAY LUNCHEON.
- ❖ YOU CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY BY EMAILING PRAYERUCCALP@GMAIL.COM.
- ❖ THE AREA FOOD PANTRY IS IN NEED OF: RAVIOLI, SPAGHETTIOS, BEEFARONI, CRACKERS (SALTINE, OYSTER, GRAHAM), ANY KIND OF HAMBURGER, CHICKEN, TUNA HELPER.

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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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

September 8, 2024

*As an Open and Affirming congregation,
we welcome people as they are,
share Jesus as He is, and serve
our community and the world in love.*



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