# WELCOME, ALL WORSHIPERS

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

JESUS ASKED THE DISCIPLES, "BUT WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?" MARK 8:28

(\*) 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: #117 LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, O MIGHTY GATES (VERSES 1-4) GEORG. WEISSEL, 1641 TRANSL. CATHERINE WINKWORTH, 21865;ALT.

# \*CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)

LORI MAYER, LAY READER

LEADER: O TASTE AND SEE THAT THE LORD IS GOOD: HAPPY ARE THOSE WHO TAKE REFUGE IN HIM.

ALL: THE LORD REDEEMS THE LIFE OF HIS SERVANTS; NONE OF THOSE WHO TAKE REFUGE IN HIM WILL BE CONDEMNED.

# \*OPENING PRAYER

ALL: ETERNAL GOD, WE STAND AMAZED IN YOUR PRESENCE. YOUR LOVE DRAWS US TO YOU; IT CAUSES US TO LOVE YOU MORE. MAY WE GROW IN OUR LOVE FOR YOU, AND MAY OUR WORSHIP REFLECT HEARTS FILLED WITH PRAISE AND ADORATION. 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.

SCRIPTURE LESSON: MARK 8:27-38

SERMON: "WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?"

**REV. DICK HOTCHKIN** 

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

\*HYMN: #419 NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD (VERSES 1-3)
MARTIN RINKART, 1647 TRANSL. CATHERINE WINKWORTH, 1858; 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: #425 FOR THE FRUIT OF ALL CREATION (VERSES 1-3) FRED PRATT GREEN, 1970

\*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: LORI MAYER **ALTAR GUILD: JOAN CHRZAN GREETER:** BETH PETTY **USHERS:** MAX & VICKY LINDSAY

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS: BILL & DOTTIE HAASE

**COUNTER:** ASHLEY WEDGE

#### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

JULY 10:00 AM **WORSHIP SERVICE** SUNDAY

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- ❖ PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THERE HAVE BEEN EMAILS BEING SENT BY "REV. HOTCHKIN" OR "DICK HOTCHKIN". THESE **ARE NOT** FROM HIM. IF YOU WILL LOOK AT THE EMAIL ITSELF, IT IS NOT FROM THIS CHURCH/OFFICE. HIS OFFICE EMAIL IS ALPUCCPASTOR@GMAIL.COM. IN THE EVENT YOU DO RECEIVE AN EMAIL FROM HIM WITH ANOTHER EMAIL ADDRESS, PLEASE VERIFY THIS WITH HIM BEFORE OPENING IT.
- \* THE SUNDAY SINGERS ARE COMING THE FOLLOWING DATES: AUGUST 4 AND SEPTEMBER 1. NO FORMAL CHOIR OR MIDWEEK PRACTICE. WE WILL PLAN TO MEET AT 9AM FOR WARM-UP AND SING AT THE 10AM SERVICE. ALL ARE WELCOME! PLEASE EMAIL OR CALL KAT WITH ANY QUESTIONS: MUSICUCCALP@GMAIL.COM OR 989-255-8750.
- \* YOU CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY BY EMAILING PRAYERUCCALP@GMAIL.COM.
- \* THERE ARE MEMBER DECLARATION CARDS ON THE TABLE IN THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY. YOU MAY COMPLETE THESE AND PUT THEM IN THE BOX BY THE OFFICE
- THE AREA FOOD PANTRY IS IN NEED OF: KIDS CEREAL, RICE KRISPIES, CAPTAIN CRUNCH, HONEY NUT O'S, FRUITY O'S, OR ANY OTHER CEREAL, SPAGHETTIOS, RAVIOLIOS, SPAGHETTI AND MEATBALLS.

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

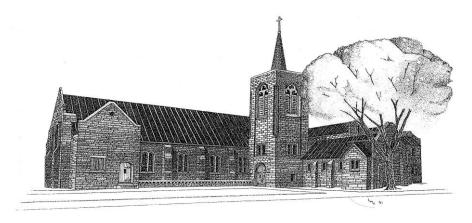
HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE LADIES RESTROOM IS NEAR THE LOCKWOOD STREET ENTRANCE. A MEN'S ROOM IS IN THE MIDDLE HALLWAY.

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