

# WELCOME, ALL WORSHIPERS

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

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"BUT IT IS NOT SO AMONG YOU; BUT WHOEVER WISHES TO BECOME GREAT AMONG YOU  
MUST BE YOUR SERVANT, AND WHOEVER WISHES TO BE FIRST AMONG YOU MUST BE  
SLAVE OF ALL." MARK 10: 43

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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: #290 SPIRIT OF GOD, DESCEND UPON MY HEART (ALL VERSES)**

GEORGE CROLY, 1854; ALT.

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)**

**BILL DEMPSEY, LAY READER**

LEADER: WE ARE HERE BECAUSE WE HAVE HEARD THE CALL OF JESUS IN OUR LIVES.

**ALL: WE ARE HERE TO CHALLENGE AND SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER TO RISE UP AND  
FOLLOW.**

LEADER: WE ARE HERE BECAUSE WE WANT TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE.

**ALL: WE WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT WHAT IT MEANS TO BE THE PEOPLE OF GOD.**

LEADER: WE COME, SEEKING TO BE MOVED, CHANGED, AND MADE WHOLE BY THE SPIRIT  
OF THE LIVING GOD.

**ALL: LET US OPEN OUR HEARTS TO THE MOVING OF THE SPIRIT, AND PREPARE TO LEAVE  
THIS PLACE AS TRUE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST. AMEN.**

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**ALL: TENDER AND COMPASSIONATE GOD, WHOSE STRENGTH IS MADE PERFECT IN OUR  
WEAKNESS, HELP US TO BELIEVE THAT YOU RECEIVE US AS WE ARE. MORE THAN THAT,  
HELP US, IMPERFECT THOUGH WE ARE, TO BE CARRIERS OF THE MESSAGE OF YOUR LOVE,  
LIKE EARTHEN VESSELS THAT CARRY TREASURES; AND MAY WE WORSHIP YOU IN SPIRIT  
AND IN TRUTH, THROUGH THE GRACE OF JESUS CHRIST. 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 GREATOR. THIS SELECTION IS IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN.

**SCRIPTURE LESSON: MARK 10:35-45**

**SERMON: "MAKING A CIRCLE"**

**REV. EUGENE BACON**

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

**\*HYMN: #454 LORD, I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN (ALL VERSES)**

AFRICAN-AMERICAN SPIRITUAL

**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: #506 WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS (ALL VERSES)**

JOSEPH SCRIVEN, 1855; 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:** BILL DEMPSEY

**USHERS:** NANCY AND ASHLEY WEDGE

**FELLOWSHIP HOSTS:** JOE AND PAT GARANT

**COUNTER:** BORIS GERBER

**ALTAR GUILD:** DEBORAH DESIMONE

**GREETERS:** BLAIR AND ANN DIAMOND

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>OCTOBER 13</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>OCTOBER 14</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>BOARD MEETING</b>

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- ❖ THANK YOU REV. EUGENE BACON FOR LEADING OUR WORSHIP THIS MORNING.
- ❖ CIDER SUNDAY IS NEXT SUNDAY OCTOBER 20 AFTER THE WORSHIP SERVICE.
- ❖ AN **INVESTMENT PLANNING OPPORTUNITY** IS MONDAY, OCTOBER 28. THERE WILL BE A SIGN-UP SHEET IN THE MIDDLE HALLWAY. PLEASE RESERVE YOUR PLACE BEFORE **OCTOBER 21**. SEE OCTOBER NEWSLETTER FOR MORE INFORMATION.
- ❖ NEWSLETTERS ARE NOW BEING DISTRIBUTED VIA EMAIL UNLESS, OTHERWISE REQUESTED. IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED A NEWSLETTER, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE WITH A CURRENT EMAIL.
- ❖ YOU CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY BY EMAILING [PRAYERUCCALP@GMAIL.COM](mailto:PRAYERUCCALP@GMAIL.COM).
- ❖ THE AREA FOOD PANTRY IS IN NEED OF: BOXED OR BAGGED POTATOES, MASHED, AU GRATIN, SCALLOPED, CHEESY; HAMBURGER, TUNA, OR CHICKEN HELPERS; CEREAL, CRACKERS, KID SNACKS AND SOUPS. FEEL FREE TO USE THE SHOPPING BAGS ON THE TABLE IN THE MIDDLE HALLWAY.
- ❖ FELLOWSHIP HOSTS ARE NEEDED FOR DECEMBER.
- ❖ SAVE THE DATES: THANKSGIVING POTLUCK NOVEMBER 10; HOLIDAY LUNCHEON DECEMBER 8
- ❖ ONLINE GIVING INFORMATION MAY BE FOUND ON THE TABLE IN THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY.

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.

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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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**October 13, 2024**

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