

WELCOME, ALL WORSHIPERS

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

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FOR ONCE YOU WERE DARKNESS, BUT NOW IN THE LORD YOU ARE LIGHT. LIVE AS  
CHILDREN OF LIGHT—FOR THE FRUIT OF THE LIGHT IS FOUND IN ALL THAT IS GOOD AND  
RIGHT AND TRUE. **EPHESIANS 5:8-9**  
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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: #506 WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS** (ALL VERSES)
JOSEPH SCHRIVEN, 1855: ALT.

***CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)**

LEADER: COME, LET US BOW BEFORE THE HOLY GOD OF HEAVEN AND EARTH.
ALL: LET US PRAISE GOD’S NAME AND SING TO GOD’S GLORY.

***OPENING PRAYER (UNISON)**

**ALL: LORD GOD, WE PRAISE YOUR NAME. YOUR HOLINESS IS REVEALED IN THE GIFT OF
JESUS CHRIST. THROUGH HIM, WE HAVE SEEN THE DEPTHS OF YOUR ENDLESS LOVE. YOU
SEEK TO MAKE US HOLY, GIVING US YOUR LOVE AND CALLING FORTH GOODNESS. WE PRAISE
AND ADORE YOU, TODAY AND ALWAYS. 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 GRETOREX. THIS SELECTION IS IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN.

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE LESSON: **EPHESIANS 5:8-14**

SERMON: “CHILDREN OF LIGHT” REV. DICK HOTCHKIN

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

HYMN: CANTICLE OF THE TURNING (INSERT) (ALL VERSES)
RORY COONEY, B. 1952

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: #505 SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER** (ALL VERSES)
WILLIAM WALFORD, 1845: 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 & GARY/SANDY JARMUZEWSKI ALTAR GUILD: ASHLEY WEDGE
GREETERS: ANN DIAMOND & BLAIR DIAMOND
FELLOWSHIP HOSTS: BOB & DIANA KELLY, PAT & JOE GARANT

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 16	10:00 AM	WORSHIP SERVICE
WEDNESDAY	FEBRUARY 19	1:15 PM	GREAT WORLD RELIGIONS CLASS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ 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.
- ❖ A **SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** WILL BE HELD IN THE SANCTUARY IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE ON **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2025**. THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING IS TO ELECT A SEARCH COMMITTEE OF SEVEN MEMBERS.
- ❖ PLEASE CHECK THE CARDS AND CARE LETTERS IN THE MIDDLE HALLWAY.
- ❖ THE **GREAT COURSES** CLASS ON THE **GREAT WORLD RELIGIONS: JUDAISM, CHRISTIANITY, ISLAM, HINDUISM AND BUDDHISM** CONTINUES ON **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19**. NEW PARTICIPANTS ARE WELCOME. CALL OR EMAIL THE OFFICE TO REGISTER.
- ❖ THE LADIES LUNCH GROUP WILL TAKE A SHORT WINTER BREAK UNTIL APRIL. FUTURE DATES WILL BE SHARED WHEN THEY ARE AVAILABLE.
- ❖ THE AREA FOOD PANTRY IS IN NEED OF: TUNA, HAMBURGER & CHICKEN HELPERS; BOXED POTATOES (AU GRATIN, SCALLOPED, CHEESEY); PANCAKE MIX & SYRUP; PUDDING (4 PACK JELLO OR FRUIT CUPS). PLEASE USE THE BAGS ON THE TABLE IN THE MIDDLE HALLWAY FOR YOUR SHOPPING NEEDS.

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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February 16, 2025

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



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