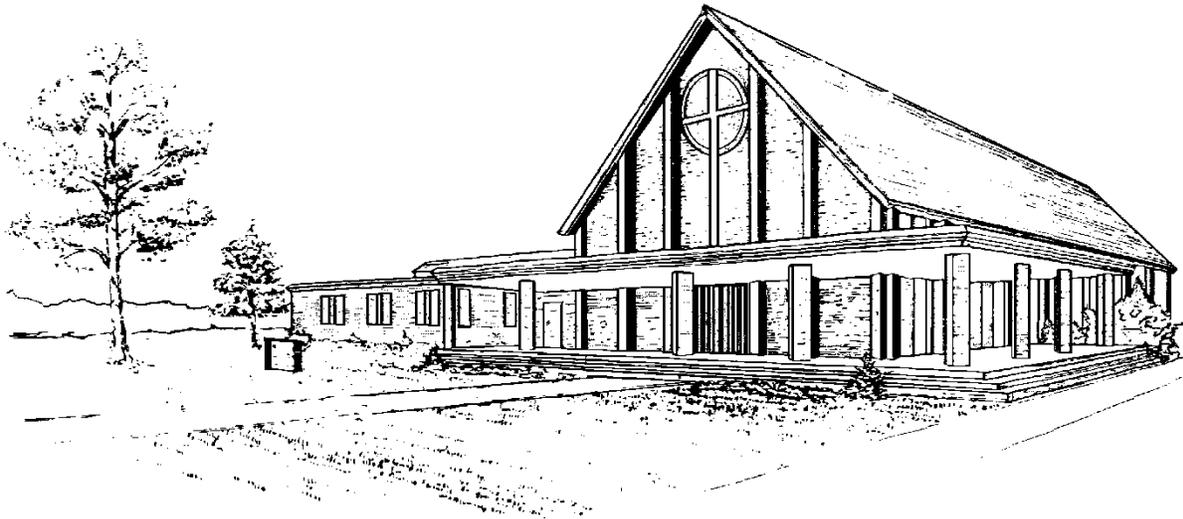


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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

Deacon Barbara Small

GATHERING MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

It is easy to stand here in the valley of our comfort.

We know what to expect and what is expected of us.

But Christ calls us to the mountain top to receive a new vision.

We are not sure if we are ready for that.

Place your hope and trust in Christ, for He is your guide.

Let us open our hearts to Christ, ready for the vision that He places before us.

HYMN # 376

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

Love, divine, all loves excelling, Joy of Heaven, to Earth come down.

Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, all Thy faithful mercies crown!

Jesus, Thou art all compassion. Pure, unbounded love Thou art.

Visit us with Thy salvation. Enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!

Let us all in Thee inherit. Let us find the promised rest.

Take away the love of sinning. Alpha and Omega be.

End of faith, as its beginning. Set our hearts at liberty.

Finish, then, Thy new creation. Pure and spotless let us be.

Let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee.

Changed from glory into glory, till in Heaven we take our place.

Till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

When the Gospel is veiled from us, Mighty God, we feel alone. How easy it is to lose our direction and go the wrong way! At times, we feel as if we are perishing under the demands of our day, unable to see clearly what is most important. We become enslaved to our routines and enticed by shallow distractions. We fill all our hours with doing so much, there is no time for reflection and prayer. Forgive us, O God, and restore balance to our lives. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

GLORIA PATRI

*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, Amen.*

DEDICATION OF SOUP OFFERINGS

Gracious God, help us to remember that there are people in our community and around the world who do not have enough to eat. Thank You for showing us that when we come together as a community in Christ, we can truly make a difference in the lives of others. We ask your blessings on these cans of soup, on those who donated them, and especially on those whose hunger will be relieved by them. All this we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Elder Betty Chatfield

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Congregational Response:

*Breathe on me, breath of God. Fill me with life anew.
That I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do.*

A MINUTE FOR MISSION

Elder Kathie Gerlach

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.*

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Use our gifts, Mighty God, to bring light where there is gloom, hope where there is despair, and peace where there is turmoil. May Jesus Christ be proclaimed among us and around Your world. May righteousness and justice prevail in spite of differences. May we inherit a double portion of the prophets' spirit to discern clearly the ways You would have us go. We dedicate ourselves and our offering to these ends. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Mark 9:2-9
1 Corinthians 3:4-8a

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

"The Greatest of These Is Love"

Rev. Dr. Van Cleef

HYMN

Ours the Journey

NEW DIMENSIONS

*In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways,
Who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering in their separate ways?*

REFRAIN: *God of Rainbow, Fiery Pillar, leading where the eagles soar.
We, Your people, ours the journey, now and ever, now and ever,
now and evermore.*

*Through the flood of starving people, warring factions and despair,
Who will lift the olive branches? Who will light the flame of care? REFRAIN*

*As we stand a world divided by our own self-seeking schemes,
Grant that we, Your global village, might envision wider dreams. REFRAIN*

*We are man and we are woman, all persuasions, old and young,
Each a gift in Your Creation, each a love song to be sung. REFRAIN*

*Should the threats of dire predictions cause us to withdraw in pain,
May Your blazing phoenix Spirit resurrect the church again. REFRAIN*

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

*Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on Earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God, our Creator, we are family.**

Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.

With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:

To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.

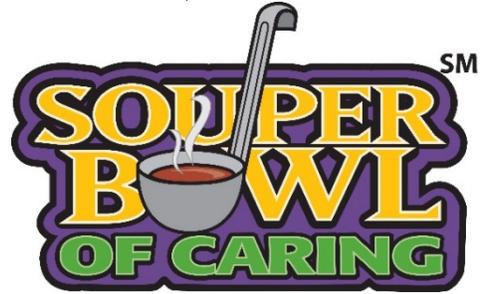
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OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND JOYS

(*Original words: *With God as our Father, brothers all are we.*)

Thank You for Your Donations of Soup

We're a week late because of last week's snow. Today we ask God to bless our offerings of soup. May they help alleviate much hunger in our area. Thank you to everyone who donated to this cause.



Masks by Leonora – Half Price and BOGO Sale!

Leonora is making room for her spring line, and is having a big sale on selected masks: Half price *and* buy one get one. In other words, 4 for \$10. It doesn't get any better than this! Stock up on masks today. Please see Debbie Eitel.

Valentine's Day masks are also on sale: buy one, get one, mix and match. Please see Leonora Colletti.

Remember, masks are a gift of love! All proceeds benefit our Room Improvement Fund.

Join Us on February 14 for Songs and a Movie!

Today, the Vision Team will sponsor a *Love Songs and Movie* event in the Sanctuary immediately following worship. The movie is called *War Room: The Power of Prayer*. The love songs? They are up to you!

The singing starts immediately after worship, and the movie will start at noon. Admission is free; masks and snacks will be for sale.

Today, We Celebrate Love!

We are celebrating two things today: The Transfiguration of Jesus, and Love.

The photographs of loved ones on the Communion Table will help us to focus on the love we have for family, friends, and one another. They will also remind us of God's love, which is the greatest love of all.

Arrangements for Ginny

The family of Ginny Soergel wishes to thank everyone for their prayers during this difficult time. Funeral arrangements are private, due to the pandemic. However, there will be a Memorial Service at some future time when everyone can gather safely.

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