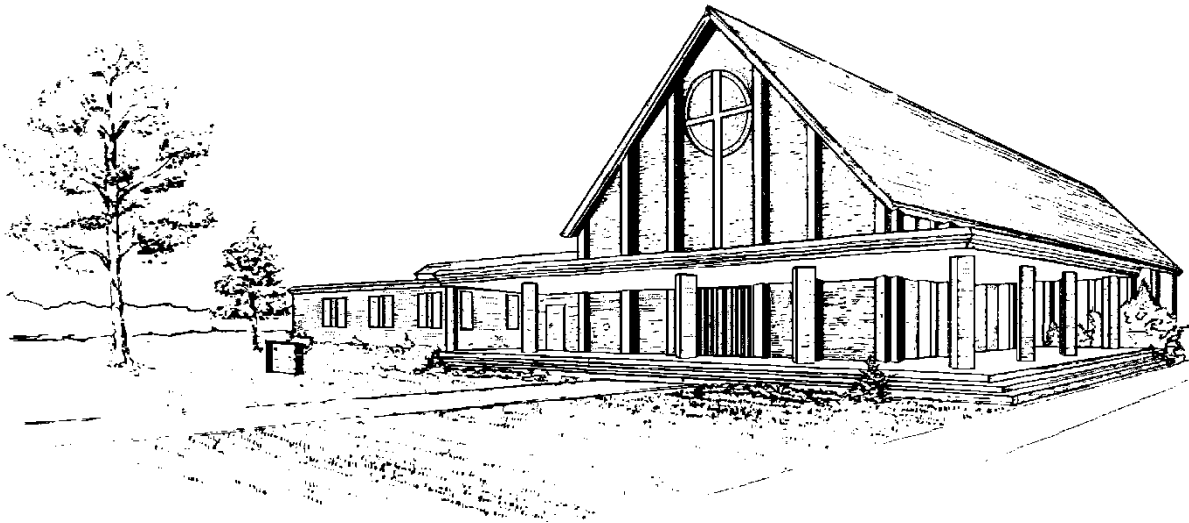


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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Psalm 147:1-11)

Praise the Lord!

*How good it is to sing praises to our God,
how pleasant and fitting to praise Him!*

*The Lord builds up Jerusalem;
He gathers the exiles of Israel.*

*He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.*

*He determines the number of the stars
and calls them each by name.*

*Great is our Lord and mighty in power;
His understanding has no limit.*

*The Lord sustains the humble
but casts the wicked to the ground.*

*Sing to the Lord with grateful praise;
make music to our God on the harp.*

*He covers the sky with clouds;
He supplies the earth with rain
and makes grass grow on the hills.*

*He provides food for the cattle
and for the young ravens when they call.*

*His pleasure is not in the strength of the horse,
nor his delight in the legs of the warrior.*

*The Lord delights in those who fear Him,
who put their hope in His unfailing love.*

Praise the Lord!

HYMN # 422

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING

*God, whose giving knows no ending, from Your rich and endless store,
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door.
Gifted by You, we turn to You, offering up ourselves in praise.
Thankful song shall rise forever, Gracious Donor of Our Days.*

*Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, Your Son.
All at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone.
Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at Your throne.*

*Treasure too You have entrusted, gain through powers Your grace conferred.
Ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the Gospel Word.
Open wide our hands, in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving You by loving all.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

How can we look at this world and not sing of Your praises, O God? The majesty of the world is overpowering! Yet, we have a tendency to take for granted all that You do for us. We treat the world with indifference, using its resources carelessly, and with little regard for the future. We insist on war as a solution for problems. We turn our backs on people in need. We always believe that someone else will care for others. How foolish we are, O God! You have given us all that we need. Forgive us. Heal our hearts and our spirits. Make us aware of our blessings as well as our responsibilities. Help us to be agents of peace and hope to others. We pray all this in Jesus' name. 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.*

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.*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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

We offer ourselves to You, O God, in these tokens of our lives. May they make a practical difference in this world, bringing light and life to the darkest places. Fill us with Your Spirit, that our lives may also bear the light of Him who gave Himself for us. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 9:16-23
Mark 1:29-39

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

“Who Is God?”

Minister Glenn Rubin

HYMN # 423

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

DUKE STREET

*Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run.
His kingdom stretches from shore to shore till moons shall wax and wane no more.*

*Blessings abound where'er He reigns. The prisoners leap to lose their chains.
The weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.*

*Let every creature rise and bring honors peculiar to our King.
Angels descend with songs again and Earth repeat the loud Amen!*

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.
Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me.*

JOYS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, FOLLOWED BY POSTLUDE

Welcome Back, Minister Glenn Rubin

We welcome Glenn Rubin to the pulpit this morning, while Pastor Ann is taking some time off.

Glenn Rubin received his Bachelor of Music Education degree from the Crane School of Music at SUNY Potsdam, his Master's degree in Double Bass Performance from the Manhattan School of Music, and a Master's degree in Musical Composition from Queens College. He earned his Master of Divinity degree from New Brunswick Theological Seminary.

After nearly a decade of freelancing in New York City, Glenn began his teaching career. He is retired from the Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District where he was the high school orchestra director and music theory instructor. These days he spends several months of each year as an adjudicator at various NYSSMA festivals.

Glenn has been a member of the Simpson United Methodist Church in Amityville since 1986, and is currently a church musician and a trustee. He enjoys preaching whenever the opportunity arises and considers each invitation to be a gift from God. "There is no more enjoyable activity than spreading the Word of God. Preaching the message of God's Love is like experiencing a fine symphony; both seek to lift us to a higher level."

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