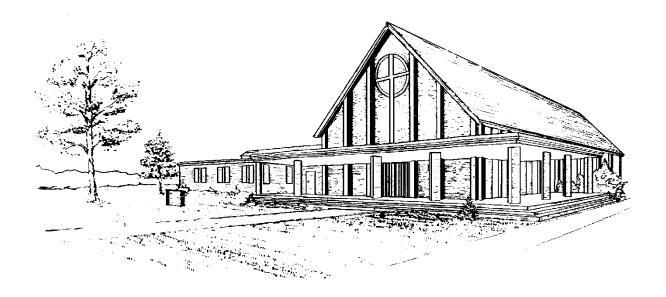
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

Deacon Barbara Small

GATHERING MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

Our Lenten journey continues.

Often the road has been stony and hard.

But God has been our friend and our guide.

God is faithful to us, even when we are faithless.

Today, we rejoice in God's faithful love, and together ask for strength and signs of hope and life.

Again we are drawn together to celebrate the life that is ours in Christ Jesus. Thanks be to God!

HYMN # 84

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

RATHBUN

In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time.

All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'ertake me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy. Never shall the cross forsake me. Lo! It glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way, From the cross the radiance streaming adds more luster to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified. Peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ancient of Days, we confess that we are a stubborn people. We have become set in our ways. We only know the past, so we look back with nostalgia, remembering only the good things, as we push aside the difficult memories.

Call us into accountability. Help us to remember the sins of our past so that we might learn to live into a future with hope. Call us to repent, to turn back to Your ways, to seek to repair the damage we have caused, and to dismantle the systems of sin at work in our world and our lives, so that we may build a future to which You have called us with more mercy and grace. We pray 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.

A MINUTE FOR MISSION Chair

Kathie Gerlach, Missions Committee

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

In these gifts, O God, we acclaim You as our Lord. May they be useful to You in bringing Your kingdom into full flower through the ministries of Your Church. This we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE 17

Exodus 20:1-

John 2:13-22

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

"Keeping the Sabbath Holy"

Rev. Dr. Van Cleef

COMMUNION HYMN #94

O WALY WALY

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

An upper room did our Lord prepare for those He loved until the end. And His disciples still gather there to celebrate their risen Friend.

A lasting gift Jesus gave His own to share His bread, His loving cup. Whatever burdens may bow us down, He by His cross shall lift us up.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All praise is Yours, O God. You bring us to this table as sisters and brothers. Lead us now, through each of our moments, to that glorious day when all Your children will gather as family. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

HYMN # 371

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

REFRAIN: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, Till all the world – adore – His sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod. The Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God. REFRAIN

Each newborn servant of the Crucified Bears on the brow the seal of Christ who died. REFRAIN

O, Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, Your death has brought us life eternally. REFRAIN

So shall our song of triumph ever be Praise to the Crucified for victory. 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.

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

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND JOYS

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christian Education Committee

The Christian Education Committee will meet in the Narthex immediately after worship today.

The Wearin' O' the Green

We'll celebrate Saint Patrick's Day next week after church. Wear your green, and warm up your vocal cords for some Irish music!

Shepherd's Pies

Gary Prentiss will be cooking up some Shepherd's Pies to "grab and go" after church next week. There's one catch – they have to be pre-ordered. Please sign up for them at the Welcome Table after church today, if you have not already done so. They freeze well, so you might want to order a few.

Wednesday Lenten Services

Sadly, because of the pandemic, we are not able to have our Wednesday Soup Suppers this year. Instead, our Wednesday Lenten Services will be Zoomed each week at 7:30 p.m. A reminder will be sent out each week.

The Meeting ID is: 986 8617 9862. The Passcode is: 975734

If you have not already done so, you may pick up the Order of Worship packet (which includes all of the Wednesday night services plus the Maundy Thursday service) after church.

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. Newer masks are either full price (\$10) or BOGO (Buy one, get one free). It doesn't get any

better than this! Stock up on masks today. Remember, masks are a gift of love! All proceeds benefit our Room Improvement Fund.

Our Building

Take a look at our church office when you get a chance. Larry Foray has been painting, and Leonora Colletti has been decorating. Thank you, Larry and Leonora. Everything looks very inviting.

The hallway to the parlor is undergoing a transformation as well. Many thanks go to Paul Proctor for installing the beautiful wainscoting.

Future plans include painting the hallway, updating the Fellowship Director's office, updating the Pastor's office, and installing a ceiling and lighting in the choir room. Larry Foray is spearheading these projects. Thank you, Larry!

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