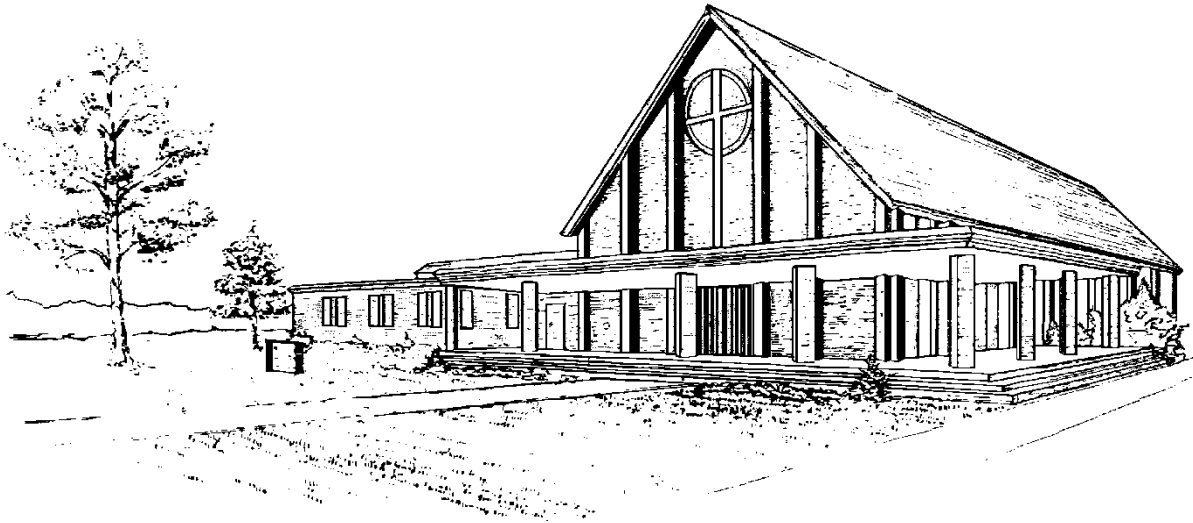


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**Sunday Service of Worship
September 10, 2023 10:30 a.m.**

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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

THE RINGING OF THE BELL
Cleef

Dan Charnews / Bob Van

CALL TO WORSHIP

Tell the whole congregation of God's people:
This is a day for new beginnings.

This is a time of God's appearing.

This is the moment for faithful response.

Praise God in the assembly of the faithful.

Make melody to God and sing a new song.

Praise God for life enriched by love.

Praise God for love that fulfills God's law.

This is the hour to wake from our sleep.

The energy of God's love fills this place.

Here, we claim our identity as Christians.

Here, we become the church of Jesus Christ.

HYMN

Be Still, My Soul

FINLANDIA

*Be still, my soul: for God is on your side.
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Trust in your God, your Savior and your Guide,
Who through all changes faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your Heavenly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a peaceful end.*

*Be still, my soul: for God will undertake
To guide the future surely as the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake.
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know*

The voice that calmed them in this world below.

*Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
When we shall dwell with God forever more,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we have not been faithful to Your commands. We have been more ready to condemn than to console, more eager to justify ourselves than to work for understanding. We feed the flames of dissent instead of welcoming the freeing power of forgiveness. We gather as two or three, not to welcome Your presence, but to gossip about those who are absent. Our sins are destroying us, O God, Forgive us, and turn us around to a new way of being. 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 AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

..... All this we pray in Jesus' name saying, ***Our Father who are in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.***

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.*

OFFERING SENTENCES

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

May these offerings help to unite Your people, O God, into a community of mutual caring in which differences are resolved as we listen to one another and seek to offer understanding. May the light of Your love shine through all our efforts to share Your Good News. Keep us in the light when we are tempted to ignore Your commandments. With these prayers, we dedicate our gifts. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Exodus 12:1-14
Matthew 18:15-20

SERMON

“The Perfect Church”

Rev. Dr. Van Cleef

HYMN # 543

Abide with Me

EVENTIDE

*Abide with me: fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens. Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee.
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.*

*Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day.
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away.
Change and decay in all around I see.
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.*

*I need Thy presence every passing hour.
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.*

*I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless.
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, Thy victory?
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.*

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

The Church Fair Is Coming

Our Church Fair is scheduled for Saturday, September 23, with a rain date of Saturday, September 30. This is an “All Hands on Deck” event. Larry Foray has a sign-up sheet; please tell him how you can help.

We need a bit of help today, carrying some boxes from Room # 1 in the Sunday School wing upstairs to the stage. Thank you.

The Little Food Pantry

We are in need of canned tuna and chicken, cereal, pasta and spaghetti, Chef Boy-R-Dee ravioli, canned fruit: peaches, pears, plums, mandarin oranges, mixed, (no applesauce), rice, and peanut butter and jelly. Thank you for your generosity.

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