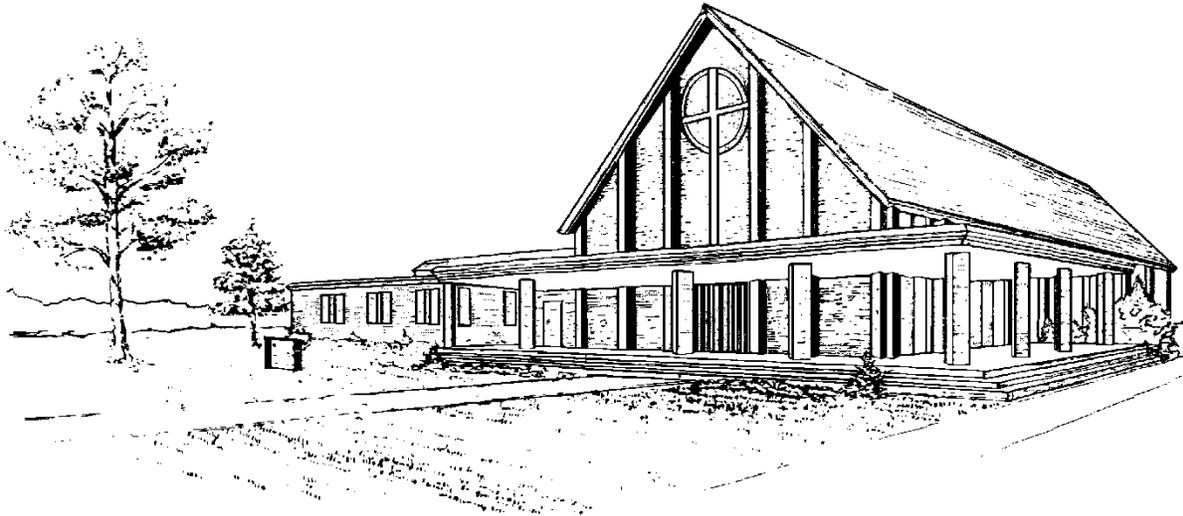


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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

Deacon Barbara Small

GATHERING MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from Psalm 93)

The Lord our King is robed in majesty, robed and girded with strength.

***God has established the world; it shall never be moved.***

Your throne is established from old.

***You are from everlasting.***

The floods have lifted up their roaring voice.

***But more majestic than the thunders of mighty waters,  
more majestic than the waves of the sea, majestic on high is the Lord.***

***And every day, even for eternity. Amen.***

HYMN

*Majesty*

MAJESTY

*Majesty, worship His majesty; unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.  
Majesty, Kingdom authority, flow from His throne unto His own, His anthem raise.*

*So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.  
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus the King.*

*Majesty, worship His majesty; Jesus, who died, now glorified, King of all Kings.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***Merciful God, Creator of All that Is, Seen and Unseen, our delight is in Your word. We have a deep sense of Your presence when we allow it to fill our lives night and day. But there are times when we listen to the advice of those who rebel against You, times when we can be found with those who scorn. We experience Your blessings like a tree that is planted beside a never-failing***

*stream, but there are times when we do not bear the fruits of Your abundance. Renew us by Your nurture and blessing so that we may prosper in Your ways. Watch over us so that the ways of the wicked pass from us. In Jesus' name we pray, 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

#### 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

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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

*We give thanks to You, O God, for the promise of Your abiding presence among us, and for Your abundant life within and around us. As we offer our gifts to You, may they be made useful in this world, that Your saving presence may be known among all people. Amen.*

#### THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Acts 1:15-26  
1 John 5:9-13

#### HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

#### SERMON

“Prayer Is Essential”

Rev. Dr. Van Cleef

HYMN # 447

*Lead On, O King Eternal*

LANCASHIRE

*Lead on, O King Eternal. The day of march has come.  
Henceforth in fields of conquest Thy tents shall be our home.  
Through days of preparation Thy grace has made us strong.  
And now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.*

*Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
And holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace.  
For not with swords' loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums,  
With deeds of love and mercy the Heavenly Kingdom comes.*

*Lead on, O King eternal, we follow not with fear,  
For gladness breaks like morning where'er Thy face appears.  
The cross is lifted o'er us. We journey in its light.  
The crown awaits the conquest. Lead on, O God of might.*

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.*

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **The Pentecost Offering**

The Pentecost Offering is one of four special offerings sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (USA). A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the Presbyterian Church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering is retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

Cardboard banks, for those who wish to use them, are available on a table next to the offering plate. A bulletin insert in this morning's bulletin will give an example of people who benefitted from this offering in years past. The offering will be taken on Pentecost Sunday, May 23. Thank you for your generosity.

### **Pentecost Sunday**

Next week, May 23, is Pentecost Sunday. Pentecost Sunday is one of the most ancient feasts of the Church, celebrated early enough to be mentioned in the Book of Acts and in Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. Pentecost is celebrated on the 50<sup>th</sup> day after Easter (if we count both Easter Sunday and Pentecost Sunday).

Christ has promised His Apostles that He would send His Holy Spirit, and on Pentecost, they were granted the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The Apostles began to preach in all of the languages that the Jews who were gathered there spoke, and about 3,000 people were converted and baptized that day. Pentecost is often called "the birthday of the Church."

The color of the day is red. Please try to wear something red to church.

### **A Special Celebration**

We will be celebrating Pentecost with lots of music. Our Women's Choir will sing, as will Debbie Eitel and Ann Van Cleef. Two special treats – Leslie Strait will play a flute solo, and Peter Osterman will grace us with his beautiful voice. Be sure to attend next week, and bring a friend. There will be a reception in the Narthex after the Service.

### **Women's Choir**

Our Women's Choir will rehearse today immediately after our Service of Worship.

### **Session Meeting**

The Session will meet via Zoom this Wednesday, May 19, at 7:30 p.m.

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