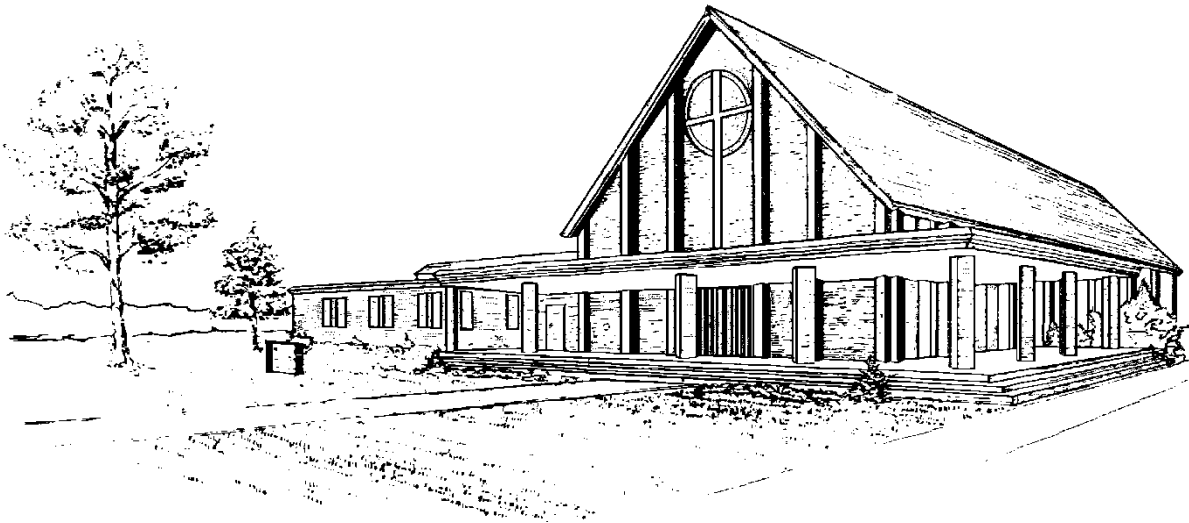


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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

Deacon Barbara Small

GATHERING MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

Gathering in this sacred place,
We anticipate new wonders each week.

*Wherever two or three are gathered to worship,
A spirit of holiness is present.*

Open our eyes to witness the love and joy waiting to be revealed
In this day and in this place.

*We will want to linger here, but when we leave today,
May our hearts be open to all the wonders of God's world.*

HYMN # 81

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

ST. FLAVIAN

*Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray,
Teach us with Thee to mourn our sins, and close by Thee to stay.*

*As Thou with Satan didst contend, and didst the victory win,
O give us strength in Thee to fight, in Thee to conquer sin.*

*And through these days of penitence, and through Thy Passiontide
Yea, evermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.*

*Abide with us, that so, this life of suffering over past,
An Easter of unending joy we may attain at last.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Have mercy on us, O God, for we forget the covenant into which You call us.
We muddle along in our self-serving ways rather than waiting on Your word.
We follow the path of least resistance without seeking Your higher way. We
forget our baptism into a faith community built on trust and forgiveness. We*

turn from the vision of Heaven to the treacherous hell of competing egos. O God, we ask You to lead us to a new day. According to Your steadfast love, forgive us, 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.*

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.*

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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

With these gifts, we proclaim not ourselves, but Jesus. We commit ourselves to follow a way that leads to love and life. May our sacrifice be witness to our love for each other and the God who loves us all. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Genesis 9:8-17
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.
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.*)

Thank You for Your Donations of Soup

We're two weeks late because of the weather.
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 Today 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.

Session

The Session will meet this Tuesday, February 23 at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Transitional Leadership (Interim Minister) Training

Pastor Ann is pleased to be one of twelve ministers who are benefitting from a Brown Endowment Grant to take the *Effective Transitional Leadership* class through the Interim Ministry Network. This will certify her as an Interim Minister.

The class requires a lot of homework to be done ahead of time (finished!) and two days of intensive on-line classes. Therefore, Pastor Ann will not be available for texts, e-mails, or phone calls this Wednesday and Thursday, February 24 and 25, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Thank you for understanding.

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