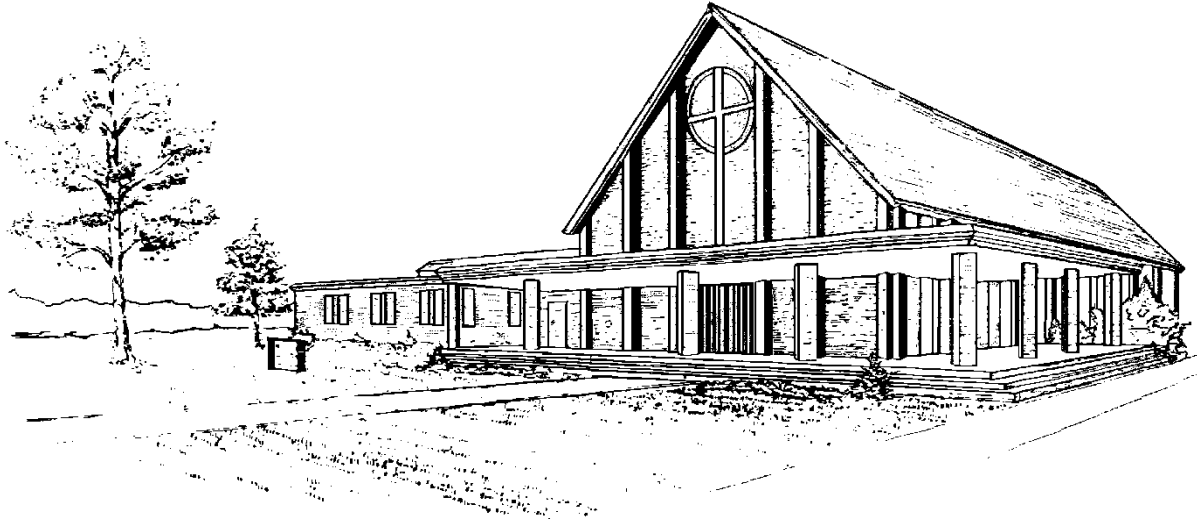


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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

GATHERING MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from Psalm 107)

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God's love endures forever.

***Let us give thanks to the Lord for God's unfailing love
and wonderful deeds to humankind.***

God satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

***All those who are wise, let them heed these things
and consider the great love of the Lord.***

Let us worship God!

HYMN

We Come to Worship

BUNESSAN

(Jacqui A Horton, 2006)

*We come to worship God our Creator;
We come to praise Him who calls us friends.
God of all living, God of all loving,
help us to praise, for love never ends.*

*We come to thank God for love and friendship;
for loved ones here, and those far away.
God of all living, God of all loving,
bless those we care for now and each day.*

*We come to offer lives in God's service;
wanting to share God's love everywhere.
God of all living, God of all loving,
help us to serve you with love and prayer.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we have tried to heal ourselves, piling up good deeds to offset our residual guilt and shame. Seeking change through our own effort and will power, we are by turns prideful and deflated, our thoughts ever turned back upon ourselves. Forgive us for trying to heal ourselves and neglecting your grace. Turn our hearts upward toward you and outward to your other children, that we may forget ourselves, be relieved of all fear and anxiety- all self-seeking and self-consciousness- and worship You in freedom and truth. 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

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 Your abundant life in and around us. Through the sharing of these gifts, deepen our awareness of Your abiding presence that awakens love in and through us. Teach us be open in each unscripted moment to the bloom of gratefulness, so that, touched by Your transformative love, we might become multipliers of blessing. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Psalm 103:1-18
Luke 17:20-21

Gospel of Thomas (Logion 3)

Yeshua says... If your spiritual guides say to you, "Look, the divine Realm is in the sky," well then the birds will get there ahead of you. If they say, "It is in the sea," then the fish will precede you. No, divine Reality exists inside and all around you. Only when you have come to know your true Self will you be fully known- realizing at last that you are a child of the Living One...

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

"Growing Up Christian"

Rev. Fred Woodward

HYMN

Love Is The Touch

SLANE

*Love is the touch of intangible joy; Love is the force that no fear can destroy;
Love is the goodness we gladly applaud: God is where love is, for love is of God.*

*Love is the lilt in a lingering voice; Love is the hope that can make us rejoice;
Love is the cure for the frightened and flawed: God is where love is, for love is of God.*

*Love is the light in the tunnel of pain; Love is the will to be whole once again;
Love is the trust of a friend on the road; God is where love is, for love is of God.*

*Love is the Maker and Spirit and Son; Love is the kingdom their will has begun;
Love is the path which the saints all have trod: God is where love is, for love is of God*

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

FINLANDIA

Spirit of Love

(Shirley Erena Murray, 1931-)

*Spirit of love, you move within creation
Drawing the threads to color and design;
Life into life, you knit our true salvation,
Come, work with us, and weave us into one.
Though we have frayed the fabric of your making
Tearing away from all that you intend.*

*Yet, to be whole, humanity is aching
Come, work with us, and weave us into one.
Great loom of God, where history is woven,
You are the frame that holds us to the truth.
Christ is the theme, the pattern you have given,
Come, work with us, and weave us into one.*