

Service For The Lord's Day
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, September 13, 2020 - 9:30 a.m.

Rev. Anni Thorn, Worship Leader
Diane Fisher, Scripture and Sermon
Myra Taylor, Worship Musician

WE APPROACH GOD IN WORSHIP

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude: "Give to Me, Lord, a Thankful Heart" PH #351

Lighting of the Candles

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

L: Jesus has given us a new commandment:

P: **We are commanded to love one another.**

L: Just as Christ has loved us,

P: **So we ought to have love for one another.**

L: By this, everyone will know we are Christ's disciples:

P: **By our love for one another.**

L: Come, may we join our hearts in worship:

P: **Worship God by loving one another.**

*Opening Prayer (unison)

Alpha and Omega, you make your home with us, you dry our tears and quench our thirst, you are the tender love that welcomes all people. Like a mother, you nurture your children, giving them life, teaching them to love. Come and dwell among us, and make all things new. Amen.

Confession and Assurance

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Merciful God, we confess that so often our discipleship has been weak... when we have failed to serve as Jesus served; forgive us. When we have failed to love one another as Jesus loves us; forgive us. When we have been happy to proclaim our devotion to Jesus with our lips and then denied him by our actions; forgive us. Merciful God, empower us by your Spirit to be steady and true to you in every time of trial; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Silent Prayers of Confession

Words of Assurance (based on John 12:47; 13:1)

L: Jesus said: *"I came not to judge the world, but to save the*

P: **Praise be to God! Amen.**

*Gloria Patri

PH #579

WE LISTEN AND SHARE GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: John 13:34-35 NRSV Diane Fisher

Romans 12:9-21 NRSV

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Diane Fisher

WE RESPOND WITH THE GIFT OF OUR LIVES

*Hymn of Response

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"They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"

Prayers of Intercession

Lord's Prayer (unison)

Our Father who art 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.

The Offering of our Tithes and Offerings to the Lord

Offertory: *You may place your offerings in the offering plates at the back of the sanctuary as you leave worship.*

Prayer of Dedication

*Benediction

L: Jesus gave a new commandment: to love one another.

P: **Because Jesus loves us, we should love one another.**

L: Go forth to serve. Go forth to love.

P: **We go with God's love and blessing.**

L: Go in God's peace. Amen.

Postlude: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" PH #376

LOOKING AHEAD

Thursday, September 17

6:00 p.m. Christian Ed Committee

Sunday, September 20

9:30 a.m. Worship - in Sanctuary, Live Streaming, Online

Thursday, September 24

7:00 p.m. Session with Confirmands

Sunday, September 27

9:30 a.m. Worship with Confirmation - in Sanctuary, Live Streaming, Online

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

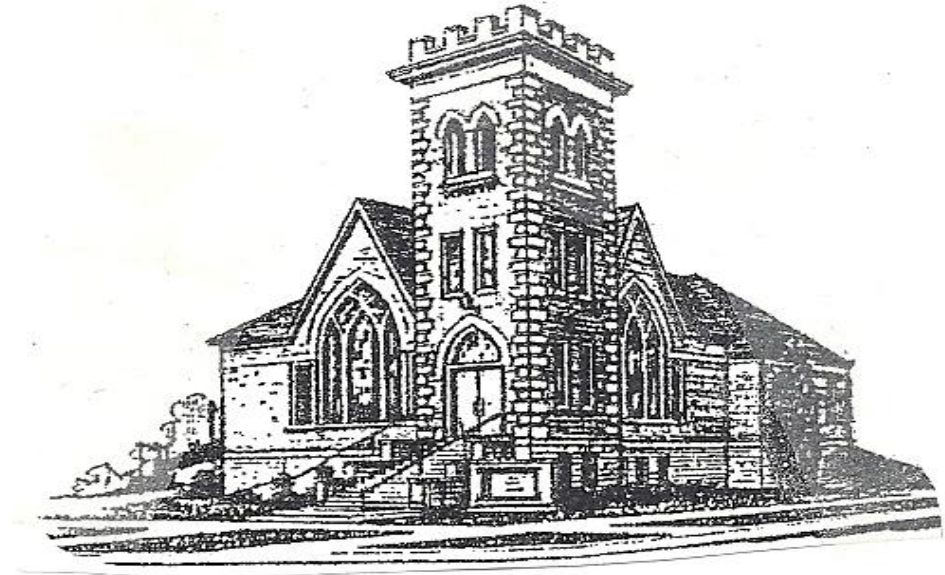
We are now back to gathering in the sanctuary for worship on ***Sundays at 9:30 a.m. It has been 25 Sundays since we last worshiped together in-person, in the sanctuary, on a Sunday morning!***

We are attempting to live stream the worship services. Please give us grace as we try to keep the entire congregation connected together in worship during these uncertain times. It has certainly been a challenge but we want to bring you worship as best we can. For those who are watching online we are hoping the service will be uploaded in a timely manner, 11:00 or 12:00. Say a prayer that all goes smoothly!

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Staff: Karen Moline and Myra Taylor (worship musicians), Valerie Wiley (treasurer), Crystal Benscoter (secretary), Joel Keim (custodian)