

March 16, 2025

10:00 A.M.

Order for Our Worship of God

(*those who are able are invited to stand)

Welcome

Prelude “Just a Closer Walk with Thee” arr. Barker

Call to Worship

We walk our path to you.

Sometimes we do not see...

The roads that we follow and the people we pass.

Sometimes we do not hear...

Your voice urging us to lift our gaze and see, open our ears and hear.

Sometimes we miss it all...

As we forget to follow you.

Lord God, help us to experience the journey as we walk beside you, for it is in those steps that we are closest to you. Amen.

Opening Prayer

Lord, you are the God of our Promised Lands. Today, we thank you that you are also the God of our journeys. Sometimes we are so focused on the destination that we forget to invite you into the small and daily steps it takes to get there. But you are already here. And our walk with you matters. Help us to receive your word for the journey and know your presence as our guiding light. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

*Opening Hymn “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” (vs. 1, 2, 4) No. 154

Passing the Peace

Prayer for Illumination

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word. Silence in us any voices but your own, so that we may hear your Word and also do it; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading Deuteronomy 32:1–10, 44–52

Children’s Time

Choral Anthem “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee” arr. Wood

Sermon “It’s Not the Destination, It’s the Journey” Rev. JongIn Lee

*Hymn of Reflection “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee” (vs. 1–3) No. 430

Prayer Time

The Giving of Our Offering

Offering Song “Thy Word” arr. Hayes

*Presentation “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” No. 95

*Prayer of Dedication

God of the journey, through these gifts may we faithfully continue our walk with you. May these gifts help us to accomplish what is ours to do, knowing that although your story extends across time and space, it does not leave us behind. For that, we give you our thanks and praise. Amen.

*Closing Hymn “Ye Servants of God” (vs. 1–3) No. 181

*Blessing

Postlude “Bound for the Promised Land” arr. Evanovich

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WE WELCOME ALL to this service of worship including newcomers and visitors among us.

PARTICIPATING IN OUR SERVICE ~ Participating this morning are Rev. JongIn Lee, Pastor; Dr. Russell Wagoner, Director of Music/Organist; and Joan Pandorf, Liturgist. We appreciate them sharing their gifts with us as we gather to worship and praise God today!

FLOWERS ~ The flowers on the altar this morning are given by Elaine Watson in loving memory of her husband Bill.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY ~ Our Lenten Bible Study will meet this Wednesday, March 19, at 1:00 p.m. to discuss the book *Give Up Something Bad for Lent* by James Moore, which can be ordered on Amazon. All are welcome to attend.

BLESSED BARGAINS THRIFT SHOP ~ Sign-up sheet for volunteers is posted in the sorting room. Please stop by and sign up to help. There is always something that needs to be done as new items are arriving regularly! Please share posts and stop by with friends to support our beautiful shop!! Any questions, please contact Barbara, Joan, or Diane.

BOOK CLUB NEWS ~ The March Book Club selection is *Canary Girls* by Jennifer Chiaverini. This illuminating novel is the story of the “munitionettes,” women who built bombs in Britain’s arsenals during World War I, risking their lives for the war effort. Book Club will meet on **Thursday, March 20**, 10:30 a.m. and all who would like to discuss this historical fiction novel are invited to attend.

PASTOR: *Rev. JongIn Lee*

LAY LEADER: *Dave Murray*

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/ORGANIST: *Dr. Russell Wagoner*

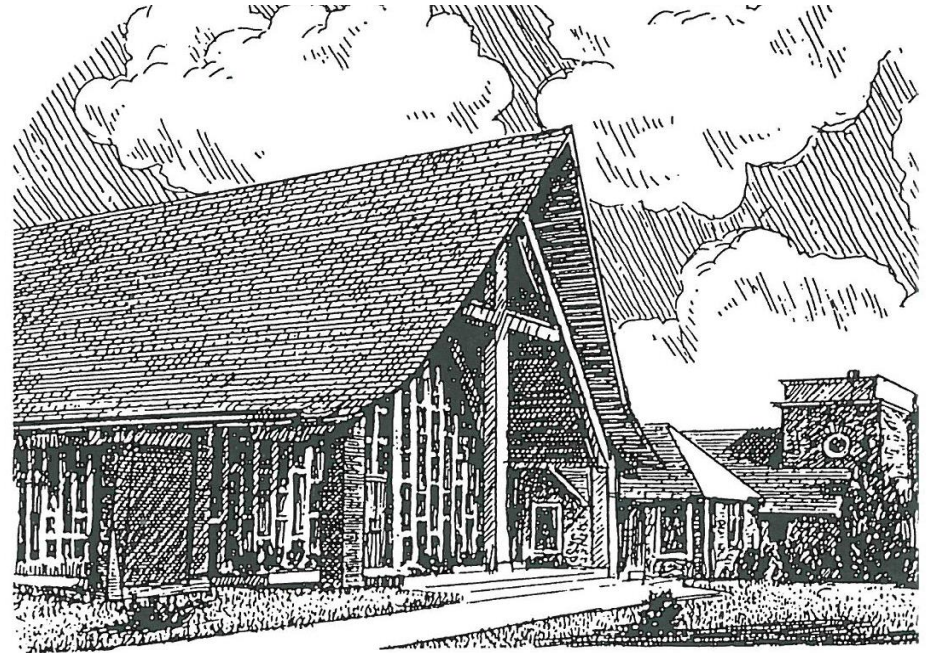
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AN INVITATION

*To all who would know God and do God's will;
To all who would live and work to make
Jesus' love alive in the world;
To all who seek comfort and would find rest;
To old and young, rich and poor, saint and sinner,
This church opens wide its doors
And—in the name of Jesus the Christ—
Bids you welcome to this house of the Lord!*