November 1, 2026 10:45 A.M.

Order for Our Worship of God

(*those who are able are invited to stand)

PRELUDE "I Sing Praises" MacAlman

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us remember the goodness of God.

Every good gift comes from the Lord.

Come, let us remember God's faithfulness.

God has sustained us through every season.

Come, let us worship the One who gives life, hope, and purpose.

All: With grateful hearts, we come to worship God. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Generous and gracious God, before we offered you our praise, you offered us your love. Before we sought you, you were already seeking us. Before we drew our first breath, you called us your own. Open our eyes to recognize the gifts that surround us each day. Open our hearts to receive your grace with gratitude. Open our lives to your transforming presence so that our worship may become a living response to your goodness. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

*OPENING HYMN "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart" TFWS No. 2036

SHARING THE PEACE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Deuteronomy 8:11–18, John 15:1–8

CHORAL ANTHEM "Song of Thanks" Nagy

SERMON "Connected to God: Everything Is Gift" Rev. JongIn Lee

HOLY COMMUNION Service of Word and Table II Hymnal p. 12

*HYMN OF REFLECTION "What Gift Can We Bring" (vs. 1–3) No. 87

TIME OF PRAYER

THE GIVING OF OUR OFFERING

Offering Song "I Will Praise Him" arr. Labenske

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

*Prayer of Dedication

Generous God, receive these gifts as signs of our gratitude and trust. Use them to proclaim good news, strengthen your church, serve our neighbors, and bring hope to the world. Multiply what is offered and continue your work of grace within us and through us. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN "For the Fruits of This Creation" No. 97

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE Postlude on "Old Hundredth" Bock

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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 Pat Andrews, Liturgist. We appreciate them sharing their gifts with us as we gather to worship and praise God today!

OLD STONE MUSIC AND COFFEE HOUSE ~ The Kootz are appearing on **Friday, November 6**. Glenn Taylor is joined by Gary Evans on keyboard and Ted Wyman on bass—a wonderful trio! They are performing from 8–10 pm (doors open 7:30 pm). A $20 cover charge includes entry and unlimited coffee, tea, a cold drink and yummy baked goodies. Bring a donation for the CUMAC food pantry, and you'll be entered in a drawing to get your cover charge back. (Please note: the food pantry cannot accept anything in glass jars, plastic only; healthy, non-sugary donations appreciated!)

RUMMAGE SALE EXTENDED ~ Items of clothing and housewares and more are still available for sale so we are extending the Rummage Sale to include one additional weekend: **NEXT Friday, November 6** (9am–4pm), and **Saturday, November 7** (9am–12pm). If you have any questions, please contact Pat Meyers (201-723-5128).

BOOK CLUB ~ The Book Club is reading *So Far Gone* by Jess Walter for the next meeting. An often humorous tale, it is the story of a reclusive journalist who is suddenly thrown into a wild and suspenseful journey to rescue his kidnapped grandchildren. Come to Book Club on **Thursday, November 19**, at 10:30 am, to discuss this entertaining novel.

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LAY LEADER: *Doug Gipple*
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/ORGANIST: *Dr. Russell Wagoner*
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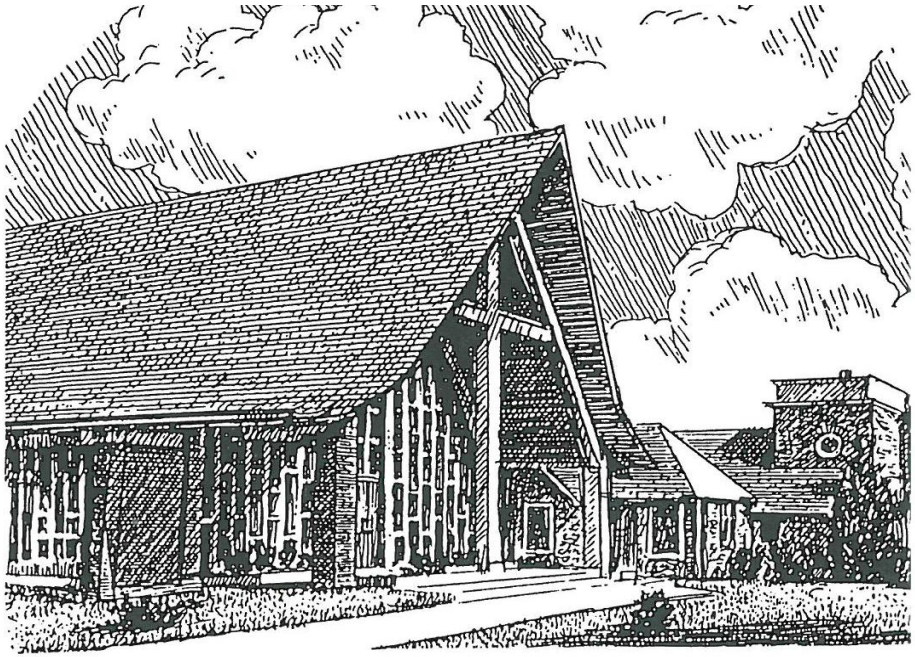

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AN INVITATION

To all who would know God and do God's will;
To all who would live and work to make
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!